Byrd prods Israel on PLO

WASHINGTON (R) - Senate Democratic leader Robert Byrd urged Israel Sanurday to respond positively to the U.S. decision to drop a 13-year ban on contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). "I believe this shift in administration policy is a wise one," the West Virginia, a self-described friend of Israel, said in the Democratic response to President Reagan's weekly radio address. He said the PLO's willingness to meet U.S. conditions should be recognised as "an opportunity to be seized rather than a threat to Israel's security and existence." Byrd, who is stepping down as majority leader to head the Senate Appropriations Committee, expressed fears that hardliners on both tides would do everything to undercut the diplomatic initiative. "But it is my hope that the new government of Israel will see this diplomatic opening as an opportunity to be seized an opportunity to develop a new national consensus regarding negotiations," with the PLO. "I speak today as a friend of Israel," he added, "a friend is someone who will urge you to do the right thing, even if it is the hard thing to do."



Group thanks Sweden

AMMAN (J.T.) — A group of Jordanians has sent a message of appreciation and thanks to the Swedish government for its role in and contribution to peace efforts in the Middle East. The message, signed by 10 prominent ex-members of parliament and physicians and addressed to the Swedish ambassador in Jordan, Lars Lonbach, said: "We would like 10 extend to Your Excellency our greatest appreciation for the Swedish government and the Swedish people's stand on behalf of Justice and peace in the Middle East shown by their reception of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and their unflinching support and hard effort, to pave the road to peace in the Middle East. We hope Your Excellency would fransmit this message of gratitude to the Swedish government and Swedish people for their admirable stand..." The message was signed by Dr. Jamal Shair, Dr. Carlos Dihmis, Dr. Mohammad Najjar, Mr. Jamal Obeidat, Dr. Wajih Barakat, Dr. Mohammad Khalaf, Dr. Mohammad Sabharini, Dr. Mohammad Ishtieh, Dr. Suhail Khoury, Dr. Ziyad Jamal and Dr. Roger Kayalli.

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Nishanov praised the role play-

(Agencies) - Palestinians in the

occupied West Bank and Gaza

Strip launched a three-day pro-

test strike Saturday to mourn the

fatal shooting of five of their

brethren a day earlier, and Israeli

soldiers wounded at least seven

Palestinians in renewed demon-

karem Qalqilya and Hehron, as well as in Arah Jerusalem and the

In Gaza City, Palestinians

hurled stones at Israeli troops, and

classes to march with the Palesti-

nian flags, an Arab reporter

Palestinians also clashed with

Israeli troops in some of Gaza's

refugee camps. In the Nuseirat

camp, two teenagers were shot

and wounded, hospital officials

said. Three others were wounded

in the Khan Yunis camp.

quoted by the AP said.

school students abandoned their

strations and clashes.

Gaza Strip.

Nishanov delivers Gorbachev message to

stand on Mideast

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hus-

sein Saturday paid tribute to the Soviet

Al Hussein, reaffirms call for peace conference

Soviet leadership admires the

King's leadership and the prog-

ress and development achieved

hy the Kingdom under his reign.

dan coincides with the 25th

anniversary of the establishment

of bilateral ties, which have been

portance of resolving the .Arab-israeli conflict at an international

peace conference with the parti-

cipation of all concerned parties,

incloding the Palestine Liberation

Organisation (PLO) and the five

permanent memhers of the

adopted by the Palestine National

3-day strike; 7 wounded

In Arab east Jerusalem, school

students took to the streets to

hurl stones at policemen. Ten of

the young protesters were de-

tained during a demonstration

near Israeli police headquarters.

Street, the main shopping dis-

trict, groups of Palestinians were

and asking shopkeepers to close

In Ramallah, streets were emp-

ty except for groups of masked

protesters hurling rocks at Israeli

Israeli Defence Minister Yit-

zhak Rabin, responding to the

escalation in violence, accused

Palestinians hardliners of trying

to undermine the U.S.-PLO dia-

logue by protesting in the occu-

Rabin made the comments Fri-

day, one of the bloodiest days of

the year-old Palestinian uprising.

city in the West Bank, Israeli

In clashes in Nahlus, the largest

troops, Israel radio said.

pied territories.

On Arah Jerusalem's Saladdin

Nishanov praised resolutions

Security Council.

Nishanov underlined the im-

enhanced over the years.

Nishanov said his visit to Jor-

Price: Jordan 100 fils; Syria 1 pound; Lebanon 1 pound; Saudi Arabia 1.50 rivals; UAE 1.50 dirhams; Great Britain 25 pence



south where anti-locust operations are under way (photo by Yousef Al

Jordan seeks anti-locust help

AROUND THE WORLD...

ATHENS (AP) — Premier Andreas Papandreou declared Saturday that he would resign from office if parliament did not approve his

budget for 1989 as a financial scandal continued to rock his socialist

administration. Speaking on nationwide television, the 69-year-old

premier said he would consider a rejection of his 4.052 trillion

drachma budget (\$27.9 billion) a vote of no confidence in his

BEIRUT (AP) - A small bomb exploded at the entrance to an

apartment building in west Beirut Saturday. Police said a nine-year-old girl was wounded. Minutes later, police sapper Bashir Idriss

dismantled a bigger bomb shortly before the time it was set to explode in the same densely-populated neighbourhood of Tarik Jadideh, a

CAIRO (R) - Muslims seeking self-rule in the southern Philippines

said Saturday that President Corazon Aquino's proposal to grant

limited autonomy to Muslim areas of the country was a propaganda

ploy, "This is another empty gesture, if not a brazen ploy and

LUSAKA (R) - African National Congress (ANC) President Oliver

Tambo said Saturday that recent peace moves on Angola and Namibia

would boost his liberation movement's struggle to end apartheid in

South Africa. "The welcome developments... in our region have

initiated a trend that will not leave our country untouched. The

momentum that will yield independence for Namibia will be carried

forward to our struggle and the achievement of our independence,"

Tambo said. He said the South African government was now fumbling

in the dark, unsure about the future. The ANC president led hundreds

of mostners at the funeral of ANC executive member Johnstone

Makatini who died in Lusaka Dec. 3 after an illness.

propaganda deception," the leader of the rebel Moro National

Filipino rebeis dismiss autonomy plan

Liberation Front (MNLF), Nur Misnari, said in a statement.

Angola Namibia pact boosts ANC

Papandreou threatens to resign

government that would force him to step down.

Bomb explodes in west Beirut

By Ziyad Al Shilleh Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Saturday made an inspection tour of regions invaded by desert locusts in southern Jordan and was briefed Africa. on measures taken to comhat the threat.

Prince Hassan, accompanied by special teams set to fight off. dangerous insects, passed direc-tives on methods to be taken in the operations.

Prince Hassan urged continued coordination among various au-thorities involved in the locustfighting task on the one hand and teams themselves on the other. The Prince paid tribute to the

efforts of the Ministry of Agriculture, the Armed Forces and the Jordanian Royal Air Force and the badia police who are taking charge of the operations.

Prince Hassan was accompanied on the tour by Agriculture Minister Marwan Hnmud and other officials

The minister said earlier that

police statement said.

more efforts and speedy action were needed to eradicate the swarms of locusts that are already in Jordan and further swarms that could come from Saudi Arabia, which now abounds with locusts that invaded the country from

The present operations, the minister said, pave the way for more strenuous efforts to be made to combat more dangerous invasions expected in spring.

He said the Jordan was in need of more equipment and special vehicles to operate in desert terrain, communications equipment and pesticides. He urged Arah and friendly states and international organisations, including the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation, to ex-

So far, the minister noted, said area of 30 square kilometres in southern Jordan is covered with locusts and teams are hard at work to eliminate the pest.

tend help to Jordan to assist in its

See earlier story on page 3.

Shamir: U.S.-Israel relations at risk

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Bank towns of Ramallah, Tul-

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Saturday that talks between U.S. officials and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) could endanger Israel's close relationship with Washington.

Interviewed on Israel Radio, Shamir said U.S. talks with the PLO, which started Friday after a break of 13 years, were "grave, painful and difficult."

He added: "We always said the United States and Israel are allies, there is an alliance between us and it can happen that there are serious disagreements between allies... but they don't harm the alliance itself.

"This week something happened that puts that principle to a very serious test. The United States decided to enter negotiations with Israel's most extreme enemy... it's no wonder we are all trying to decide what happened, why it happened and what we

should do about it," he said. It was the first statement from the hardline Likud chief since the United States decided Wednesday to change its policy and end a ban on talks with the PLO.

Shamir also appeared to join other politicians from Israel's left and right who are considering introducing their own peace initiatives in the wake of the U.S.

Shamir confirmed earlier reports of his plan to announce a new Middle East initiative after the formation of the new government, but declined to elaborate on the proposal.

"Once the government is formed, one of its first steps... will be initiatives that would be- U.S. initiative with its own plan

TEL AVIV (Agencies) - Israeli come known in Israel and the world." he said.

Shamir stressed that the U.S. step made it imperative to set no a broad-based coalition government that can endorse such initia-

Shamir's close aide, cabinet minister Moshe Arens, said Saturday that Israel's next government will discuss a un-ilateral move to grant Palestinians limited "self-rule," as cnvisioned in the Camp David accord mediated by the United

States in 1978. The Palestinians reject the "self-rule" idea and would settle only for an independent Palestinian· state.

But in Israel, the notion may bridge the gap between Shamir's Likud hloc and the Labour Party led by Foreign Minister Shimon

The parties are locked in complex coalition talks since Israel's Nov. I general elections. They disagree on peace questions, with Likud opposing "territorial con-cessions" and Labour favouring a territorial compromise in exchange for peace.

In response to the U.S. decision, Peres and other Labour leaders proposed elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and talks with elected Palestinian representatives as a substitute for the PLO. Palestinian notables in the occupied territories reject moves that would exclude the PLO.

Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Labour's number two man, echoed Peres by saying Friday Israel should counter the

November and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's speech to the U.N. General Assembly in Geneva. The PNC resolutions and Arafat's speech removed hurdles in the path of the called-for international conference, Nishanov said. Israel, he said, should now take positive reciprocal moves to help achieve peace.

The Iran-Iraq peace negotia-tions, Nishanov said, should lead to cormalised relations between the two sides and urged Jordan to continue its efforts to help the implementation of the Geneva agreemeots on the Afghanistan

Present at the meeting were Upper House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi, Jordanian-Soviet Friendship Society President Bahjat Talhouni, Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri and Soviet Ambassador to Jordan Alexanbilateral ties and said that the Conncil (PNC) in Algiers in der Zinchuk.

Palestinians. Arah doctors said as

Ittihad hospital, officials said.

were under army-imposed curfew since Friday. A 25-year-old cur-

few violator who decided to

was shot in the leg, hospital offi-

cials said. Another Palestinian

was wounded in the West Bank's

Kafr Abush village.
At least 337 Palestinians have

been killed since the uprising

Rabin, who opposes the Amer-

ican-PLO dialogue, warned that

it may lead to an upsurge in

violence by radical Palestinians

opposing the move. But, he said.

many will teed to abandoo pro-

controversy

ISLAMABAD (R) - Prime

Minister Benazir Bhntto's

Pakistan People's Party (PPP)

said Saturday the dissolution of

the Baluchistan province

assembly this week was a con-

spiracy against her two-week-old government.

Shops were shut in several

towns of the south-western pro-

vince of Baluchistan in protest

Balnchistan Governor

Mohammad Musa dissolved the two-week-old provincial

assembly Thursday on the

advice of controversial provin-cial Chief Minister Zafarullah

Khan Jamali, which he had to

follow under the constitution.

felt that the act of dissolution is

a conspiracy against the PPP

government to tarnish its im-

age," party spokesman Qazi Abdul Majid Abid said after a

Political analysts said the

dissolution of the 45-seat

assembly almost certainly

saved Jamali from losing a vote

of confidence in the 45-seat

Bhutto said Musa dissolved

the assembly without consult-

ing her but that his action was

constitutional. She also said she

would respect provincial

· But opposition politicians ac-

cused her of conspiring to keep an ally in power in the sparse-

ly-populated province which borders Afghanistan and Iran.

meeting of the group.

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autonomy.

"The parliamentary party

at the dissolution,

Bhutto

faces

speak out and visit his neighbour



His Majesty King Hussein Saturday confers with Rafiq Nishanov, a member of the Soviet Communist Party Central Committee who is on a visit to

Jordan, in a meeting attended by Upper House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Lawzi (right) (Petra

Joint Jordanian-Iraqi Higher Committee meets

Iraqi president, Rifai review bilateral relations

BAGHDAD (Petra) - Iraqi President Saddam Hussein received here Saturday Prime Minister Zaid Rifai with whom he reviewed Jordanian-Iraqi rela-

The meeting was attended by Iraqi First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan.

Later, Rifai and Ramadan discussed Jordanian-Iraqi relations and voiced serious desire to enhance cooperation in all fields according to the directives of His Majesty King Hussein and President Hussein. The Iraqi ambassador in Amman and the Jordanian ambassador in Iraq attended the meeting.

Rifai arrived here earlier Saturmany as 32 were wounded elseday at the head of a ministerial The fifth victim, 20-year-old delegation for a new round of Mohammad Al Kuni, died overtalks of the Joint Jordanian-Iraqi Higher Committee, which holds night of a chest wound at Nablus' meetings twice a year alternately Nablus and the surrounding in Amman and Baghdad to discuss bilateral cooperation. seen sending street vendors home refugee camps, home to 120,000,

discuss scopes of hilateral coop- process between Jordan and Iraq

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein Saturday receives Prime Minister

Zaid Rifai (Petra wirephoto)

In addition, the committee will In a statement upon arrival, review all steps implemented to-Rifai said that the meeting would date to carry out the integration review all steps implemented to- joint companies, Rifai said.

eration at all levels and in diffe- and discuss new ideas and proposals for industrial and agricultural cooperation and the work of

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PLO counters U.S. contentions. seeks American clarifications

TUNIS (Agencies) - The United States put forward three points for discussion — terrorism, direct negotiations and how the dialogue should proceed — at its opening session of talks with the Palestine Liberation Organisanon (PLO), a PLO official said

Saturday.
The PLO countered on the first two points and sought clarifications of U.S. policy on these and other questions, the official told Reuters in a detailed briefing on

Friday's 90-minute session. He said U.S. Amhassador Robert Pelletreau opened the talks by saying Washington hoped the PLO would exclude "terrorist" elemeots and that, whenever "terrorist" attacks took

place, it would condemn them. Pelletreau did oot mention any names or incidents, the official

The PLO team, led by Executive Committee member Yasser Abed Rabbo, responded by on such acts.

military targets inside Israel or in the occupied territories.

alone to say who was responsible for future acts of "terrorism." It said Israel might try attacks on civilians in Europe, for example, to sabotage the PLO-American

PLO official said.

The PLO then raised specifically the killing of PLO military commander Khalil Al Wazir in April, less than five kilometres from the site of the meeting, and the killing of four Palestinians in Nahlus Friday.

saying its definition of "terror-ism" did not include attacks on On the second point, the United States repeated its position that it thought direct negonation the one-year-old civilian uprising between Israel and other parties The PLO said it felt it was not the best framework for a settle-

up to Israel or the United States ment. The two U.S. negotiators took

note of the PLO position and bioted that they accepted it, the

It said these were examples of Israeli state terrorism and asked Washington to clarify its position

to the Middle East conflict was The PLO answered that it opposed bilateral solutions because the State

of Palestine would need international guarantees of security and because Jordan, Syria, Lebanoo and other parties were also affected. It said the Palestinians were willing

to talk to Israeli groups, as they had done on many occasions, but the Israelis tried to prevent coolacts through their law banning meetings between Israelis and the PLO. The PLO then sought to elicit clear

U.S. positions on an international conference, the right of Palestinian refugees to return or receive com-pensation and U.N. Resolution 181,

the official said. The PLO took the 1947 resolution as the legal basis of the State of

Palestine which is proclaimed in

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Red Cross urges end to flow of aid workers, equipment to Armenia

Red Cross official urged Western relief groups Saturday to stop ended and preparations began to sending workers and equipment to earthquake-stricken Armenia as hope diminished of finding survivors. Soviet media reported fresh

instances of inadequate rescue aster.' work 10 days after the earthquake which officials sav killed 55,000 people and left half a million homeless. More than 40,000 people have been evacu-Newspapers also had detailed

descriptions of looting and other needed. crime and new warnings were issued about extremists in Armenia's territorial dispinte with neighbouring Azerbaijan.

George Reed, a spokesman for the League of Red Cross and Red adding that some dialysis Crescent Societies, said vehicles machines would be redeployed and equipment were clogging rutted roads in the devastated region near the Turkish border.

He said a Red Cross team touring the area would recom-

YEREVAN (Agencies) - A meod which equipment was needed as initial rescue work raze wrecked huildings.

> should be coming in," he told Reuters. "New groups will only be contributing to a second dis-A Soviet Red Cross official,

> Dmitry Venediktov, said Friday that no more foreign rehef teams were required. The TASS news agency quoted him as saying that specialised equipment like artificial kidney machines was still But Reed said relief workers

were also being overwhelmed by medical equipment. "We have too many doctors and too many kidney machines," he said,

elsewhere in the country.

Another rescue official said

two recent planeloads of medical equipment had been surplus to requirements.

Soviet television reported Friday that 21 people had been found alive in the preceding 24 hours in the city of Leninakan "No more emergency help and in Spitak, a town of 20,000 obliterated by the tremor.
But non-military officials were

being told to leave Spitak and bulldozing was already beginning in areas thoroughly checked for

Reed said the quake showed an international coordination centre was vital to send aid quickly to any disaster area

Asked about cooperation with Soviet authorities, he said: "At the top they have been excellent, hut we have had problems with

the middle management." Soviet leaders and the press have said the rescue operation was slow, lacked direction and

failed to use equipment efficiently. Television news Friday showed Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai

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Sultan Qaboos sees risk of renewed war

Oman urges GCC ties with Tehran, Moscow

KUWAIT (Agencies) - Sultan Qaboos Ibn Sai'd of Oman in remarks published Saturday urged members of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) to improve ties with the Soviet Union and Iran.

His call to members of the six-member council appeared in the Kuwaiti daily Al Siyassah two days before a GCC summit convenes in Bahrain.

The Omani leader said there was still a risk that fighting between Iran and Iraq could resume and it was important for the two sides to move to a state of com-

"Officially the war has ended. and we are happy for this. But until a peace agreement is signed, and Security Council Resolution 598 is implemented, dangers of a renewal of the war remain," he

Iran and Iraq ended eight years of fighting in August, but have made little progress since then in implementing U.N. Resolution 598 which also calls for a troop withdrawal and exchange of pris-

The GCC - Saudi Arabia. Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates generally backed Baghdad in the conflict and relations with Tehran

Saudi Arabia cut ties with Iran last April, accusing it of hostile

"The important thing is that the peace between Iraq and Iran move from a stage of ceasefire to that of complete peace. As the GCC we must move after this towards relations with Iran in order to lessen tension in the



Sultan Qaboos Ibn Sai'd

region," Sultan Qaboos said. He said relations with Moscow had become necessary for the

GCC policies. "I think diplomatic relations with it (Moscow) and with the rest of the GCC states, must take place because we need this imis today not what it was in past

years," he added. Kuwait established diplomatic ties with Moscow in the 1960s, Oman and the United Arab Emirates followed in 1985 and Qatar this year. Saudi Arabia and

Bahrain have yet to do so. Sultan Qaboos' suggestion for the normalisation of relations followed a recent meeting he had

with King Fahd in Saudi Arabia. The GCC leaders are meeting Monday in Bahrain for their annual summit, whose agenda includes consideration of steps to assist the Iran-Iraq peace process. He said Oman maintained rela-

tions with Iran and made an effort not to enter into a confrontation with it during the conflict "believing that by maintaining good relations we could contribute toward stopping the war."
"We succeeded." he added.

He added that an Iraqi envoy was in Muscat recently with a message from Baghad to dispel rumours that Iraq might become a threat to the countries in the

"I consider this reply dispels all such fears," the sultan said. 'We do not harbour any fears

now and believe Irag's victory is our victory." Iraq's strength "is the strength of the entire Arab World," he added.

Meanwhile, Bahrain's Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammad Ibn Mubarak Al Khalifa was quoted as saying that the GCC's future dealings with Iran "will be on a collective and not a bilateral

"We want to have the best portant state ... the Soviet Union : relations with Iran," he added in an interview with the UAE daily Al Khaleej.

"We do not have special demands, nor are we interested in imposing conditions for coopera-tion with Iran," he said.
"Our aim is to clear the air

and remove all obstacles and the causes of the bad developments of the recent past," Sheikh Mohammad said.

Sweden mediated release

of ICRC delegate in Lebanon

Winkler, 32, was kidnapped

Nov. 17 near the Palestinian re-

fugee camp of Ain Al Hilweh by gunmen loyal to the radical Palestinian Fatah Revolutionary

Council (FRC) led by Abu Nidal.

ambassador since that time and

what demands the kidnappers

might have made were not im-

mediately clear.

But Palestinian and Lebanese

security sources in Beirut said

Winkler was later handed over to

radicals demanding the release of

Lebanese Mohammad Hussein

Switzerland charged with hijack

ing an Air Afrique plane last year

on a flight from Rome to Paris

and forcing it to land in Geneva.

November but was postponed un-

til February to allow psychiatrists

to examine him further.

His trial was scheduled for

"The ICRC would like to

Hariri is being held in prison in

The precise role of the Swedisb

FIGHTING BACK — A Palestinian woman grabs the truncheon of a charging mounted Israeli policeman during a demonstra-

BERNE (Agencies) - Sweden

mediated in bringing about the

release of Swiss hostage Peter Winkler, freed Friday night after four weeks' captivity in Lebanon,

Swiss Foreign Minister Rene Fel-

Felber told a news conference that the Swedish ambassador in

Damascus worked for the release

of Winkler a delegate of the

International Committee of the

Switzerland did not give in to

Febler said Winkler was to fly

any of the conditions of his kid-

home Sunday aboard a Zurich-bound Cyprus Airlines jetliner.

Asked in Beirut about Wink-

ler's plans after his release, ICRC

spokeswoman Francoise Derron

inld the AP: "All I can say now is

that (Winkler) is still with the

Swiss amhassador and on his way

to Switzerland." She refused to

ber said Saturday.

Red Cross (ICRC).

nappers, he said.

tion in occupied Jerusalem earlier this week as in the one-year-old Palestinian nprising against Israel's occupation of the Holy City, the West

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Jordanian-Iraqi meetings open

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Rifai, who co-chairs the committee meeting with Ramadan, is accompanied on the visit to Baghdad by the ministers of transport and telecommunication, industry and trade, energy and mineral resources and finance, the minister of state for cabinet affairs, the governor of the Central Bank of Jordan, the Royal Jordanian chairman and chief executive officer and the prime minister's sures to enhance cooperation in for endorsement.

office director.

Trade talks open Soon after Rifai's arrival bere,

countries and to look into mea-

a joint Jordanian-Iraqi ministerial committee co-chaired by Minister of Industry and Trade Hamdi Tabbaa and Iraqi Minister of Transport and Telecommunications Mohammad Hamzeh held a volume of trade between the two

industrial, financial, agricultural fields and look into prospects of linking the national grids of the two countries. The meeting discussed the

prospect of launching coopera-tion in contracting businesses and linking Iraq and Jordan with a railway to boost transportation.

Other meetings were held by meeting to discuss expanding the Jordanian and Iraqi ministers, and the decisions will be referred to the higher committee meeting

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PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat described Friday's meeting as a "step in the right direction" towards a "just and comprehensive sculement. "No peace can be settled without their (U.S.) participation and their

efforts," he said at a brief news conference at a PLO office here. Arafal said the PLO's main priority in the talks is to push for an early convening of an international peace conference on the Middle East.

Arafat also accused Israel of trying to sabotage the new dialogue by killing four Palestinians in the West

"It is a message from the Israeli military junta, from Israeli leaders, who are still refusing to accept peace. a just peace for a settlement... it is sabotage (of the PLO-American talks)." he said. Israeli troops shot dead the four

Palestinians and wounded at least 20 during clashes in the West Bank Friday.

Asked if he wanted to take part in

the dialogue personally, Arafat said:
"It is not a matter of level. We know that America is one of the superpowers... and no peace can be set without their participation and their efforts. It

In an apparent reference to some hardline Palestinian factions that oppose his strategies, the PLO leader said he could not guarantee that "one person bere or one individual there" might resort to terrorism.

PLO counters contentions

who can have complete control with all the groups," he said. PLO spokesman Ahmad Abdul Rahman said the next round of talks would be held sometime after President-elect George Bush takes office Jan. 20.

He said at the next sessions the PLO would seek a "common underslanding" with the Americans on the issues of an international conference.
Palestinian statehood and withdrawal of Israeli forces from the occupied

'We will not have results or solutions in one day." Abdul Rahman said. "It's not like a knockout in boxing. We must go point by point."
"The result will be a Palestinian

state," he said. "There is no other "Give me one example of any ruler

option. Meanwhile, U.S. embassies have gone on a worldwide security alert as a precaution against possible anaeks by hardline groups opposed to U.S. contacts with the PLO, State Department officials said Saturday.

The officials told Reuters in Washington that instructions for the alert were sent to embassies in a classified cable after Secretary of State George Shultz announced Wednesday the end of a 13-year ban on contacts with the PLO.

Describing the cable as a routine precaution, one official said it was 'logical to be concerned" about splin-

Armenia

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Ryzhkov angrily accusing the Foreign Ministry of letting down foreign aid workers. The newspaper Selskaya Zhizn

(Rural Life) said the village of Dzhadzhu had received no help for six days - and then only after Ryzhkov had mei residenis pleading for bread and coffins.

Trud reported that 40 criminal cases had been opened against loosers and said criminal "guests" had converged on the areas from other parts of the country.

The army newspaper Krasnaya Zvezda said one man had been arrested after offering to divide loot with a soldier if he helped him break in to the savings bank he was guarding.

Some crane operators, it said. were trying to extort money from residents whose relatives were missing under rubble. The paper said that in one

devastated village local "nouveaux riches" had intercepted stoves the army was distributing and were selling them at a Amal rescues 3 Irish troopers

TYRE, Lebanon (AP) - The mainstream Shi'ite Amal militia Saturday rescued three Irish soldiers serving with the U.N. peacekeeping force in South Lebanon after day in the hands of pro-Iranian fighters, police

A police spokesman said Amal also captured about 100 members of the Faithful Resistance, the fanatic faction which was behind the abduction Friday of the three Irish soldiers.

He said the three were rescued from a house in the village of Sultaniyeh, 1.6 kilometres southwest of Tibnin, the headquarters of the 620-strong Irish battallion serving with the U.N. Interim

Force In Lebanon (UNIFIL). UNIFIL spokesman Timur Goksel said Amal returned the three to their command at 11 a.m. (0900 GMT).

"They are in good shape and back with their unit in Tibnin." Goksel told the AP hy telephone. Tibnin, from which the three

the Irish soldiers. were snatched Friday, is 25 kilometres north of the Israeli

border. The rescue operation, according to the police spokesman, was completed at 6 a.m. (0400 GMT) when 15 Faithful Resistance guerrillas "surrendered to Amal and set free the three Irish soldiers." The Faithful Resistance is a

small group of Shi'ite fundamentalists affiliated with the Iranian-backed Hizbollah. The fighters surrendered after

Amal militiamen, in a smart and quiet move, arrested the Faithful Resistance's seven commanders in the whole region," the spokes-"The fighters surrendered be-

cause they didn't know what to do after Amal arrested their commanders. They surrendered peacefully," the spokesman said. 'Amal carried out the whole

operation peacefully. It summoned the Faithful Resistance's commanders individually to a Tibnin in civilian cars Thursday meeting to discuss the release of and grabbed Kasfi.

"However, the seven were captured by Amal when they refused to release the Irish soldiers unconditionally. Their followers gave in a while later," the spokesman added.

thank in particular the Swiss au-

thorities and the Swedisb ambas-

sador to Damascus, who played an essential role in his release," it

"The successful outcome can

A spokeswoman said the ICRC

hoped to resume operations in Sidon balted after Winkler's

kidnap there — but it would seek

assurances that its delegates can

again work in safety.
"It is very, very important that

we get a guarantee to be able to work freely and safely. This same

incident must not happen again,

Sweden, respected by most parties in the Middle East as a

disinterested mediator, has play-

ed an increasingly active di-

plomatic role in the area in the

she said.

past year.

only facilitate the bumanitarian

mission of the ICRC in

said in a statement.

In addition to the 22 guerrillas involved directly in the abduction of the Irishmen, Amal rounded up about 80 Faithful Resistance members in South Lebanon overnight, the spokesman said.

UNIFIL's 5,800 troops "blocked all roads in the force's area of. operations to prevent the kidnappers from smuggling out the three Irish soldiers," the spokesman

The Faithful Resistance kidnapped the three Irish soldiers to trade them for Jawad Kasfi, a colleague held by Israel, according to police.
Two Israeli soldiers and three

allied militiamen of the South Lebanon Army (SLA) drove into

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Iraq's army in reconstruction effort

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's army will help in the reconstruction and rehabilitation effort in a major city, the army daily said Saturday. Al Qaddissya said the Fourth Army Corps will take part in the reconstruction and development of the city of Imara, 300 kilometres south of Baghdad, together with civilian authorities. The army newspaper quoted local Governor Tayah Abdul-Karim as saying that President Saddam Hussein instructed government ministries to take part in the redevelopment of the city which is the provincial capital of the governorate of Meisan. The paper said half of the redevelopment effort will be done by, the Fourth Corps units which defended the province during the eight-year war with Iran. This is the first time Iraq has announced that army units will take part in the post-war reconstruction effort. Reports have circulated that the army might also become involved in the reconstruction of both southern cities of Fao and Basra, both heavily damaged in the war.

Turkey: No radiation in quake zone

ISTANBUL (R) — Turkish scientists said Saturday they bad measured no unusual radiation from a Soviet nuclear power station near the zone hit by the devastating earthquake in Soviet Armenia Dec. 7. "The reactor is about two kilometres from the Turkish border.... no radioactive leakage was registered in the air, water or earth," scientist Bayrak Tutan said. Tutan was speaking to Anatolian news agency after a two-day inspection of the border area by Erzurum University experts. Four Turks died and I,500 Turkish houses were damaged in the earthquake, which killed at least 55,000 people on the other side of the border.

Velayati: No arms purchased from China

PEKING (R) — Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati denied Saturday that China had sold arms to Tehran but predicted a major role for Peking in his country's post-war reconstruction. "China basn't sold weapons to us and we haven't purchased weapons from them," he told reporters. He claimed that any Chinese weapons in Iran's armed forces had been captured from Iraq. China bas remained officially neutral in the war but has been accused of supplying "Silkworm" missiles to Iran. The United States last year halted briefly a relaxation of curbs on high technology sales to China, alleging that Peking had sold missiles to Iran. China has been eager to take advantage of a four-month ceasefire to help Iran rebuild its shattered economy.

Drug suspect not related to Elias Sarkis

NEW YORK (AP) - A man arrested at Kennedy international airport on heroin smuggling charges is not related to the late Lebanese President Elias Sarkis, the Lebanese ambassador to the United States said Friday. Gebrayel Sarkis, 70, was arrested Thursday by agents of the U.S. customs service following a flight from Geneva, said Ann Driscoll, a spokeswoman for U.S. attorney Andrew Maloney. Driscoll said Sarkis told authorities he was a brother of Elias Sarkis, the president of Lebanon from 1976 to 1982. "He is not at all related to the former and late president," said Abdullah Bouhabib. the ambassador. "Sarkis is like Jones or Smith in this country. He's not the brother, not even a cousin, He is no relation at all," the ambassador said in a telephone

Greece holds man wanted in Turkey

ATHENS (AP) - A Turk wanted in his country for allegedly dealing in drugs, illegal arms trading and fraud totalling \$55 million, has been arrested at an Athens suburb, a police official said Saturday. The official said Turan Cevik, 39, was arrested Dec. 2 at the Hotel Emmatina in the seaside suburb of Glyfada for possessing small quantities of narcotics. Another Turk, Metin-Davut Koray, 29, and a Greek woman Andromachi Apostolidou, 27, were also arrested with Cevik and charged with possessing drugs, police said. Police searched their botel room acting on information that Cevik was trafficking in narcotics in Greece: A body search disclosed that Cevik had half a gramme of cocaine on him and Koray was in possession of four grammes of cocaine. Apostolidou was found in possession of a small amount of cocaine which was given to ber by Koray, the police official said. The Turks and the Greek woman will be held in custody until their trial.

Rebels reject Tehran's explanation

NICOSIA (R) — The main Iranian opposition group described Iran's interior minister Saturday as a liar for saying a former cabinet minister was killed by a man who later committed suicide. The Mujahedeen-e-Khalq said Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mobtashemi himself planned the knife attack on former Health Minister Kazem Sami, who died of his wounds Nov. 25. Mobtashemi said Friday that former Red Crescent worker Mahmoud Jaililiyan killed himself in a bath at Ahvaz, 450 kilometres southwest of Tehran, 32 hours after knifing Sami at this Tebran clinic. In a statement telexed to Cyprus, the Mnjahedeen said Mohtashemi's explanation was absurd and fabricated because the description of Jaliliyan did not correspond with the description of the killer given by Sami's wife and other eyewitnesses. Mohtashemi's claim that Jaliliyan killed Sami was 'a humiliating departure" from earlier Iranian reports blaming the Mujahedeen for the killing, it said.

U.S. voices concern over Soviet attacks

WASHINGTON (R) - The United States said Friday it was very concerned about Soviet military attacks in Afghanistan, charging that Moscow had broken a promise to exercise restraint. But State Department spokesman Charles Redman said Washington still believed Moscow would meet its commitment to remove all its 100,000 to 115,000 troops from Afghanistan by Feb. 15. "We have some very strong concerns about what continues to be a very intense pattern of Soviet offensive activity. It has gone on essentially uninterrupted since about the period of Halloween (Oct. 31)." Redman said at a news briefing. "It has continued this week I think on most days with more than 100 sorties and we feel very strongly that this is not what needs to be done in Afghanis lan... this violates a Soviet undertaking made to us at the Washington summit (in December 1987). Redman said many of the attacks were carried out by backfire bombers based in the Soviet Union and that most air strikes were in support of Soviet-backed Afghan army troops.

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WEATHER Bulletin supplied by the Department of

It will be relatively cold and partly cloudy. Rain is expected to fall in the northern part of the Kingdom and later spread to other areas early in the day. A cold air mass is expected to cross the Kingdom in the afternoon causing a drop in temperature and heavy rain.

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 11, Aqaba 19. Humidity readings: Amman 42 per cent. Aqaba 25 per

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lational News

NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

ELATIONS WITH EGYPT: Deputy Prime Minister and Educaon Minister Dhuqan Hindawi Saturday discussed with Egyptian mbāssador in Amman Muhah Muqbil bilateral relations. He also ceived Chilean Amhassador in Amman Carlos Derosch Bartsch at e conclusion of his tour of duty in Jordan. (Petra)

AJANI RECEIVES EGYPTIAN ENVOY: Interior Minister ajai Dajani Saturday discussed with Egyptian Ambassador in mman Muhab Muqhil bilateral cooperation.

AMZEH VISITS MA'AN CENTRES: Health Minister Zaid amzeb Saturday paid inspection tour of Ma'an Governorate bealth ntres. The tour took the minister to centres in Ma'an and ighbouring Rajef and Dalagha districts where he talked to the octors and staff and learnt about their needs for improving the intres' operations. (Petra)

Take 20/10 ISPECTION OF VEHICLES: Public Security Department urces Saturday launched an inspection campaign on vehicles' road orthiness. The sources urged the drivers to fix any fault in their hicles particularly those related to the lighting system, windscreen ipers, and tyres. The sources said that the violators will be fined.

> D 400.000 LOAN TO ZARQA: The Cities and Villages Developent Bank has approved of a JD 400,000 loan to Zarga Municipality carry out a number of public utility projects in the city. The loan ill be spent on building pavements, asphalting of roads, an annex to e existing market place and a terminal. (Petra)

OURT FINES TWO: The military court has sentenced Salem Sed from aid Hussein to pay a fine of JD 150 and Mobammad Ahmad Assad pay JD 130 or the imprisonment of 240 days for violating Ministry Supply regulations. The sentence was Saturday endorsed by the - ilitary governor. (Petra)

> GRICULTURAL SEMINARS: Two agricultural seminars were ald Saturday at Tawahin Al Udwan and Kamsheb districts to orient cal farmers on the agricultural cropping patterns system introduced the Ministry of Agriculture and combating pests. Specialists from e ministry and the Zaroa Government Community College ctured at the seminars. (Petra)

New prices announced io Elias Salor imported cigarettes

MMAN (Petra) — Supply Minister Abdul Salam Kanaan has assed a decision defining the prices of foreign cigarettes imported or the Supply Ministry effective Saturday as follows:

уре	Price/pack
Aariboro and Rothmans International	680 fils
Tothmans King Size, Danhill International,	640 fils
ind Cartier	
Soldrange	530 fils
Junhill Superlight, Barkley, and Winston	620 fils
Kent, Silk Cut and Carlton	610 fils
Benson and Hedges	580 fils
/iking	580 fils

in Ture. The decision also bans sale or circulation of foreign cigarettes mless labelled "Imported Specially for Supply Ministry" and unless sold at centres liceused by the Ministry of Supply incoordance with the conditions set by the ministry.

:-day meeting discusses nformational policies

-ned here Saturday to assess implementation of recomndations by an international remmental conference on inmational policies held in Khar-

)pening the sessions was In- show that the distribution of mation Minister Hani Khasawi, who underlined the rights of citizens to conduct comnications and receive accurate ormation.

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another speaker at the open-: session was Dr. Ibrahim organisations.

IMAN (J.T.) - A meeting Kazem, UNESCO's representative in Amman, who appealed to Arab states to cooperate with UNESCO to set up a new international information order and contribute to its success. -Kazem quoted figures which

> newspapers in Arab countries was in 1984 at the rate of 33 for every 1,000 citizens compared to 319 for every person in the adv-

anced nations.

As to broadcasting stations, he said, they became 450 in 1983 in the Arab World up from 250 in 1975, compared to 19,100 stations in advanced nations in 1975 growing to 21,640 in 1983.

The two-day meeting organised by UNESCO will discuss also the effect of information media on cultural development, regional cooperation in information and communication media, and research in information fields.

erent cultures.

The meeting being beld at the Arab. Thought Forum, group at to relaying news but have prominent personalities involved in the information, and communication media in the Arab and Islamic Worlds and representatives of various international

WHAT'S GOING ON

he following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and ne daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed me and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

A plastic art exhibition by eight Jordanian artists at Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation in which more than 69 paintings are on display

: An art exhibition by Friends of Plastic Art in Gulf countries at

the National Gallery. The youth's art exhibition which displays 101 paintings showing the different aspects of social life in Jordan at the Spanish Cultural Centre.

An exhibition of pottery and ceramics by traci artist Nuha Al Radi at Alia Gallery Hall.

. An exhibition of His Majesty King Hussein's photos marking bis 53rd birthday besides exhibiting books showing development in the Kingdom under King Hussein, at Deir Abu Sa'id. I Jordanian fine arts exhibition at the Royal Cultural Centre. An exhibition displaying Wols' (Otto Wolfgang Schulze) photo-graphic works at the Jordan University of Science and Technology.

An exhibition on Lord Byron, the English poet, surveying his hic and work, at the British Council.

THEATRE

: Arabic play for children entitled "Al Kinz" at the Royal Cultural Centre - 4:00 p.m.

· Children's play "Gingerbread Man" at the Royal Cultural Centre — 7:00 p.m.

FILMS

: A German film entitled "Merchant of the Four Seasons" at the Yarmouk University.

A feature film entitled "An America-

. American Centre — 7:00 p.m.



Prince Mohammad, Prince Ghazi visit PSD

His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad Saturday called at the Public Security Department (PSD) and met with its Director General Abdul Hadi Al Majali, and was briefed on measures taken for the development of the department's general opera-tions. Prince Mohammad was accompanied on the visit by his son Prince Ghazi (Petra photo)

Week-long road safety campaign begins

AMMAN (Petra) - A week- with the Public Security Departlong campaign to spread awareness among the public on road safety during the wet season was launched Saturday by the Jordan Society for the Prevention of during the winter season through

ment (PSD).

The campaign entails warnings to motorists on careful driving Road Accidents in cooperation posters, publications and leaflets.

The campaign is being carried out with the Help of students from schools, community colleges and universities, and is deemed necessary in view of the increase in the number of road accidents during

The Department of Meteorolo-

gy in Amman has also embarked

on another project for seeding clouds in accordance with an

agreement signed last October. It

provides for an American firm

specialising in weather modification to increasing the amounts of

rain in the Kingdom, through a special aircraft flying above the

clouds and sending up the che-micals through 28 different

ground stations towards the

clouds to introduce precipitation.

national centre is located at Marka

north east of Amman.

According to Abanda the

Meteorology Department completes building of new national centre

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — The \$200,000 radar system which can Department of Meteorology discover storms and clouds in any announced Saturday the comple- part of Jordan, working within a tion of a building that would 200-kilometre radius and that serve as a National Meteorologic- WMO specialists will be stationed al Centre and that operations will at the centre to supervise its

begin early next year. Opera Department Director Ali staff. Abanda said that the new centre will be capable of providing ists from his department have weather forecasts accurately and for at least a whole week in

been installed and routed to specialised weather channels linked weather conditions, Abanda said. He said once the centre bas been opened it will be possible to get maps on the weather condi-

stations around the world. came in the form of equipment and machines from the World (WMO), according to Abanda. He said that the WMO also

tions from various meteorological

operations and train the local

Ahanda said staff and specialbeen trained in such operations prior to the opening of the centre which is to be linked with a Electronic devises have already central meteorological station in Offenbach, West Germany.

He said that the annual cost of to statellite that give accurate and employing a direct satellite chan-speedy information about the linking Jordan with the West German centre is nearly JD

Announcement about the projected centre first came from Abanda in October last year when he said that agreement was The centre cost nearly ID reached during the WMO director, 500,000 of which nearly \$200,000 tor general's visit to Jordan and talks on the scheme. The WMO, which started acti-

Meteorological Organisation vities and was recognised as a specialised agency of the United Nations in 1951, aims to improve provided the centre with a the global exchange of weather

Jordanian-Syrian Maritime Company to meet in Damascus

AMMAN (J.T.) - The board of vessel which will have an overall directors of the Jordanian-Syrian Maritime Company will meet in Damascus Tuesday to discuss its annual report, budget and operations which last year earned the company 34 million Syrian

pounds. In August, the joint company announced a decision to purchase one million Syrian pounds. a cargo vessel to be jointly owned with the Arab Union Insurance Company and to take direct charge of the new vessel which will be joining the other two will transport goods between the vessels. Barada and Yarmouk.

The announcement, made in Amman during a two-day meetmg of the company's general led by the Jordanian Ports Corassembly, said that the joint company will own 25 per cent of the Fayez:

cost of \$2 million.

The company will receive a certain percentage of the profits collected by the sbip for transporting goods, but this amount should not be less than one third of the company's annual administrative expenses which is nearly

The new vessel, which has a net loading capacity of 5,000 tonnes. Arab region and north western owned by the joint company which was established in 1979.

The Jordanian side to the Tuesday meeting in Damascus will be

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Hmoud inspects affected regions

One of three locust swarms wiped out

teams assisted by air operations

against the pest.

AMMAN (J.T.) — One of three swarms of desert locusts that invaded Jordan over the past three days has been wiped out and specialised teams from the Ministry of Agriculture, working in cooperation with other government departments and the Jordanian Armed Forces, are involved in fighting the remaining two swarms, according to Ministry of Agriculture officials.

They were quoted Saturday as saying that ground teams and pesticide spraying aircraft completely eradicated a swarm of ocusts that invaded Sal Al Asmar, a desert area of 400 kilometres away from Amman towards the border with Saudi Arahia.

Eleven anti-locusts teams were still fighting two swarms that crossed from Saudi Arabia on Wednesday in an invasion of Jordanian territory, the first in 30

Agriculture Minister Marwan Hmoud said Thursday that the invasion posed no serious danger but was useful training for larger locust invasions anticipated in the

coming spring. The minister, who Saturday flew by helicopter on an inspec-tion tour of the affected regions, told a press conference Thursday that efforts to fight the locusts started immediately after the in-vasion started. Nearly 20 teams have been preparing themselves for the task over the past two months, when reports were first received about locust invasions of Saudi Arabia and Egypt. Hmoud said that Al Jaffer air-

port has been equipped for use as a base for pesticide spraying air-craft and that the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and other international organisations, in addition to Saudi Arabia, have been contacted in order to coordinate anti-locust opera-

idered the most dangerous plant pests of international nature. They have a rapid multiplication. great mobility and tremendous power of migration, ferocious eating habits and ability to change colour and shape in response to population density.

The adult male has a body length of 60 to 74 millimetres while the female has a body The Ministry of Agriculture's length reaching 90 millimetres.

Secretary General Salem Al Law-

A swarm covering an area of zi said that the swarms of desert one square kilometres might conlocusts have entered Jordan tain 40 million locusts which cat through Al Mudawwarah region up to 120 tonnes of plantation. covering a space of 12 square Larger swarms could eat an kilometres and that the ground area of 100 square kilometres, and according to specialists, each The Public Security Departinsect lays an average of 350 eggs

Locusts fly at an altitude of 500 ment (PSD) Saturday announced the creation of a special opera- metres above the ground, crostions room to coordinate with the sing into borders at a speed of 100 Ministry of Agriculture and other kilometres per hour with an aver-concerned authorities in the fight age of 2,000 to 5,000 kilometres a day non-stop

It said that it had contacts with . Jordan's last serious locust inborder posts and Badia Police vasion was in 1958 when the centres to take part in the locust- insects devastated crops in the



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Peace picks momentum

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein has foresightedly projected upon his return from his official visit to France and working visit to Egypt that efforts would soon be launched for convening an international peace conference on the Middle East. Last week in an interview with Kuwaiti Al Siyassah daily newspaper, the King expressed uptimism that next spring would witness a tangible movement in the peace process. The United Nations General Assembly overwhelmingly voted last Thursday for convening such a conference. Meanwhile both the Soviet Union and France are calling for a meeting of the five permanent members of the Security Council to prepare the ground work for the international conference. All in all the momentum for holding such a conference after the new Bush administration assumes power in Washington is certainly picking np and would seem probable now that hy next spring such a conference would be held.

The Israeli establishment would most likely fight tooth and nail this momentum for peace in the Middle East. However, the tidal wave for peace in the region is getting so forceful that it is unlikely that the Israeli government would succeed in derailing it now. With the U.S. decision to respond favourably to the recent PLO peace overtures and the whole international community standing solidly behind the real breakthrough in the quest for peace in the Middle East, the momentum for peace appears now to be unstopp-

What lends support to optimism is the proposition that the Jewish community is now divided about how to react to the new Palestinian offers for peace on the terms long advocated and insisted upon by Israel and the U.S. The meeting between Chairman Yasser Arafat and U.S. Jewish leaders in Stockholm last week has demonstrated that there is a deep crack in the Jewish and Israeli postures on the PLO's offers for peace. The Stockholm rendezvous, which was brokered by the Swedish government, has ushered the beginning of a new phase in the peace process. If this cleavage within the Jewish and Israeli communities could develop in favour of the anticipated Arab-Israeli dialogue and negotiations within the framework of an international peace conference, the projection in support of convening an international conference will prove to be true and well

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

SINCE the moment Washington announced that it was opening a dialogue with the PLO, developments in the Middle East region moved fast, calling for preparedness and unity on the part of the Arabs and speedy action on the part of the world community, Al Ra'i Arabic daily said in an editorial, Saturday. The paper referred in particular to Israel's escalation of repressive actions in the occupied territories which Friday led to the death of five Arah youth's and the injury of 150 others, and said the new crime was committed as the PLO and the U.S. were embarking on a dialogue that could pave the way for a lasting settlement. Not only was Israel displaying its desire to stifle the resistance by force. hut its Foreign Minister Shimon Peres was also announcing plans to hold elections in the occupied lands in a bid to find a substitute leadership for the Palestinians who can talk separately with Israel and so avoid the proposed international peace conference, the

A columnist in Al Ra'i daily cast doubts on U.S. intentions, describing the announcement about a dialogue with the PLO as a tactical move. Tareo Masarweh says that as long as the Americans are holding on to the idea that the future of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip should be determined in the coming negotiations, it means that it does not approve of the Palestinians having the right to determine their own future and that all parties to the conflict will decide on their future. We have to examine Washington's words very carefully since we do not believe that the Americans want to free themselves from the influence of their Israeli allies, the writer cautions. He says that the U.S. could back Israel'sidea of elections in the occupied Arah land and, therefore, the Palestinians should be vigilant and ready to carry on the uprising and maintain their unity of ranks if they wish to attain their national goals.

Al Dustour daily said that the U.S. announcement about a dialogue with the PLO has been widely welcomed in the Arab World. If this dialogue is serious and continuous, with diligence and perseverance, then it might lead to the convening of an international conference trhat would lay the foundation for a just and lasting peace, said the paper. The Americans should realise, as King Hussein has said, that the Arabs are united behind their Palestinian brothers, extending to them all support for their endeavours to regain freedon, and that the Arah states hack the efforts of the Palestine Liberation Organisation to help achieve that goal, the paper continued. King Hussein said in an interview with the CBS television network that he was deeply satisfied with the American announcement to bave a dialogue with the PLO because it paves the way for a solution of a chronic issue that endangered world peace. The King's satisfaction, the paper noted, stems from the fact that Jordan along with Egypt have paved the way for the American step through their relentless efforts which have now been crowned with success.

Sawt Al Shaab for its part dwelt on the King's interview with the CBS network as throwing more light on the Palestine question and the need for the Americans to realise that the Palestinians are oriented towards peace hased on justice. The King said that the Arah World as a whole supports the Palestinians and their stance in their quest for peace through an international peace conference, and therefore Washington should respond favourably and pursue the dialogue with the representatives of the Palestinian people until justice is re-established, the paper noted. It said that Jordan's efforts in support of the Palestinian people should be interpreted in the light of the brotherly links between Jordan and Palestine and the long joint endeavours to restore the rights of the people of Palestine n their homeland.

Sunday's Economic Pulse

By Dr. Fahed Fanek

Economic challenges: past, present, future

ONE of the most prominent features of the Jordanian economy is its flexibility, and its ability to be moved, changed, and reconstructed in response to official decisions, measures, policies and related private expectations.

Flexibility is of course an advantage, but it places more responsibility on the shoulders of the administration of the national economy. Those in charge could not afford to wait until the crisis happen, problems grow, and fires erupt in one economic sector or another. The leadership or management is required to be far-sighted, able to foresee the future, to read the indicators and clues, and act ahead of time before the crisis and problems that ensue grow out of control.

The past financial abundance allowed a lot of negligence, and over optimism, future expectations were too high to warrant any worry about the present. However, the current financial crunch must change our perceptions towards the style of management of the national economy and public finance. In a way these affairs should be run, from now on, like a business. A private business would not allow looseness in getting all its rights, or relaxation in

waste and rising costs. The number one economic and social challenge that Jordan faced in the last six years was the challenge of unemployment. No doubt, unemployment caused worry and attracted attention, but unfortunately no practical plan was ever formulated to deal with this challenge, and no definite measures, policies or options were brought forward or implemented to deal with the roots of the problem and the continued generation of more unemployment at the rate of 2.5 per cent a year since 1982.

The latest challenge was the monitory crisis. The current overriding goal is of course the restoration of stability at the present realistic exchange rate, which has been holding for three weeks so far, and can be a basis for a new born certainty. Certainty is needed to have private investments resume without further delay.

The coming challenge is to hring the cental government's budget deficit under control, and face up to the beavy burden of the external debt service and overcome the balance of payments difficulties. This challenge calls for urgent planning and calcula-

Priority of course should be afforded to overall security and stability. However, it is equally important that the adjustment process he accompanied by a measure of real growth in

production and national exports. Real economic growth in the private sector is needed to alleviate unemployment, create jobs, secure higher domestic revenues for the treasury, reduce the deficit in the balance of payments, and for the augmentation of the capacity of the country to service its external debt. Economic growth should remain dependent on resources borrowed by the public sector. The private sector should finally take up its role as the new engine for growth and investments, after the ontlook has been cleared to a certain extent. .

We need a completely new development strategy, to belp Jordan open up to the Arab region and the world at large. To make our exports of goods and services more competitive and able to penetrate new markets. To make the private sector more dynamic and aggressive, and to bave the government provide the incentives, atmosphere and suitable conditions.

The recent developmental meetings, sponsored and led by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan do help in starting a serious national dialogue around the future tasks of the coming stage. The free dialogue is needed to evaluate the past directions, and

forge new ones for the immediate future.

We have to overcome the difficulties, and continue the march on new hasis, with wider participation. There is no more place for mismanagement and negligence.

On Friday in Tunis, the U.S. government and the Palestine Liberation Organisation had the first contact after a break of 13 years. The following two articles shed light on behind-the-scenes diplomacy that led to the breakthrough

U.S.-PLO dialogue boosting peace prospects

By Christopher Hanson Reuter

WASHINGTON — By opening a dialogue with the PLO, Washington has returned to centre stage in the Middle East peace.process and may ultimately help pave the way for Israeli-Palestinian peace talks. Middle East experts say.

They say Washington's historic move has boosted the standing of the Palestine Liberation Organisation and increased pressure on Israel to he more conciliatory, even though a hig shift by the Jewish state may be a long way

"This is a small step on what's going to be a very long... and rocky road to peace in the Middle East, But we think this is an important step that will advance the cause," Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy told repor-

The United States has been pressing for a solution under which Israel would exchange lands occupied in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war for security guaran-

Middle East expert Joseph Sisco, a former assistant secretary of state for the Near East, told Reuters: "the most important thing is that (the decision) restores the centrality of the United States in the peace process."

Washington had played a central Middle East role in the 1960s and 70s, culminating in the 1978 Camp David Israel-Egypt peace accords. But under President Reagan, America had paid less attention to what seemed an intractable conflict.

Reagan announced Wednesday the PLO had met its three criteria to resume a dialogue: PLO Chair-

nounced terrorism, explicitly recognised Israel's right to exist and endorsed U.N. Resolutions 242 and 338 urging respect for the territorial integrity of all nations in the area.

Isolating Israel

Among other things, Washington could seek even stronger assur-ances that the PLO leadership would not back "terrorist" actions

The very word indicates the scale of the problem. Israel labels terrorist virtually unyone that opposes it hy violent means from aeroplane hijackers to a youth who throws a stone to protest at the military occupation of the West Bank. But Israel's "terrorists" often are the landless Palesnnians' freedom fighters and the rest of the world's views fall somewhere in between.

Another key issue in the talks could be the Arab uprising on the West Bank, which Sisco said the PLO must hold in check if the peace process is to move ahead. He said peace prospects would

ments would state explicitly and often that they were willing to coexist with Israel. With Washington talking with the PLO and maintaining close Palestinian uprising against

also be enhanced if Arab govern-

sides to the negotiating table, according to Sisco. fully prodding, making sugges- son said.

he said.

Israel and the Palestinian people. Now communication will he

"The demonisation of the PLO as the incarnation of terror and evil will subside and the PLO will be seen more as a normal political actor," said Middle East specialBrookings Institution. Analysts said Washington's

move had isolated Israel, which expressed dismay at the decision and repeated its vow never to negotiate with the PLO, even as many countries warmly praised the U.S. decision.

it could play a mediating role in the years ahead. U.S. leaders have tried vigorously to do so.

"We have made it very clear that we have not retreated one

Sisco said it was important now for Washington to reassure Israel that it was still a firm friend so that dent Reagan told reporters Thursday.

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Reagan said if the PLO failed PAGE to match its conciliatory words ... with performance, "we're back

Secret meetingsled to U.S. decision

By G.G. Labelle The Associated Press

GENEVA - For Sten Andersson, the announcement on the television in a Geneva hotel suite brought an end to months of secret meetings, contacts with Arahs and Jews, and quibbling over words in two languages. Andersson, Sweden's foreign

minister, guided the diplomacy leading to the United States' reement to talk to the PLO. and he smiled broadly as he heard U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz make the announcement.

The Swedish effort to bring together the United States and the PLO began during a Middle East trip last March when Andersson saw firsthand the ties with Israel, the United States Israel's 21-year occupation of the could ultimately bring the two West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"I met with about 100 hoys shot by Israeli soldiers - some of We can be the broker, care- them paralysed for life." Anders-

After visiting Israel, the Swed-In the 13 years it had ruled out ish leader went to Jordan, where direct contacts with the PLO, talks with two PLO leaders conhranding it terrorist, Washington vinced him they wanted a state was hard-pressed to play the alongside Israel, not the destrucbroker role effectively between tion of the Jewish state always

vowed earlier by Palesrinian

Then began contacts with other diplomats, Egyptians, Saudi Arahians and envoys from several European nations were involved. Andersson said he had talks with Vernon Walters, the U.S. amhassador to the United Nacions, and hinted he had contacts with Andersson, 64. tried to play

down Sweden's role Thursday, He said his country was only "a postman," delivering messages, hut he added: "I confess we have written some of the letters, too." Eugene Makhlouf, the PLO

delegate to Stockholm, insisted the Swedes did the bulk of the diplomatic manoeuvring.

They worked very hard until

we achieved this result." he said just after Shultz's announcement. Andersson explained his steps in the peace process to a small group of reporters early Thursday morning and, later, to a crowded

news conference. He told the news conference he made contact with U.S. Jews and not Israelis because he did not want the Israeli government to know about the effort in advance.

"The most crucial event was.

The U.S. Jewish delegation at that secret meeting was led by Ria Hauser. Al Hassan is a leading figure in the PLO and a longtime colleague of Arafat.

Anderson said that after the said. meeting he wrote a document expressing the agreements that came out of the session and both

sides agreed to sign it. ·Bur it wasn't until Arafat visited Stockholm last week to meet with Hauser and other U.S.. Jews that the document was made ·public.

Andersson's manoeuvring enaco weanesday afternoon with last-minute arguments over which said that in Arabic one word is words in English and Arabic .used for both concepts. would be agreeable to the United States in Arafat's announcement that he accepted Israel's right to

exist and renounced terrorism. The U.S. statement later Wednesday came as a surprise to many. Only a day earlier, U.S. officials said a speech by Arafat did not meet their conditions. Arafat's statement Wednesday at a news conference and his speech

Tuesday seemed much the same. But Andersson said what was different was that the news conference, in English, cleared up questions of language that had

the meeting with the Jewish per- disturbed the United States. sonalities from the United He noted that all the ideas in States." he said. "This was with Wednesday's news conference Khalid Al Hassan (of the PLO) a were also in Arafat's speech is

fortnight before Arafat came to Arabic a day earlier, but they were "split up and in different were "split up and in different Arahs have a different

way of making a speech than American. Andersson said.

"They use a lot of words," he said. "A lot of words always cause confusion, misunderstanding. ... If he (Arafat) changes the words. The Americans say what's going on here!"

One example is that in his

speech Arafat said he "condemned" terrorism, while in his news conference he said he "renounced" it.

But Makhlouf said it was more than just words that delayed a favourable response from U.S. "They didn't believe their ears...

yesterday (Tuesday)." he said. They needed to hear it again." Andersson, whose involvement with the Arab-Israeli conflict stretches back 25 years, said he thought the U.S. decision was an important step in hreaking the

stalemate in the peace process. "The heginning of peace is always dialogue." he said. "hut it has a long way to go."

Reagan is right not to pardon their 'hero'

By Anthony Lewis

BOSTON -President Reagan has done few things as sharply disappointing to many of his conservative supporters as his decision, made known last week, not to pardon Oliver North before trial. A pardon for the former Marine colonel had become the

passion of the political right.

What a strange hero for conservatives. Can they have any real idea of the man they are romancing? Can they understand the implications of his conduct for the conservative idea of checks and halances on government power? The case of Oliver North s a telling commentary on modern American conservatism.

Someone on the right, as it happens, has given us an excep-tionally revealing pieture of North the man. Constantine Menges was a special assistant to President Reagan for national security affairs from 1983 to 1986. In his book "Inside the National Security Council," he describes Oliver North in the White House,

"North once told me." Menges writes, "complete with highlights of the conversation, about a dinner he'd bad with then-Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick. I later asked her if a certain subject had come up during that dinner. The ambassador looked blank. 'I've never had dinner with Oliver North,' she said."

Such self-promoting inventions were a staple of North-talk. He said that Maxwell Rabb, the U.S. ambassador to Italy, had telephoned to congratulate him on the capture of the Achille Lauro terrorists. When someone mentioned this to Ambassador Rabb, be said, "Who is Oliver North?"

When North spoke of his

"weekend spent writing the Kis-

singer commission report,"

Menges says, colleagues con-

cluded that these were "rather

childish examples of an overac-

tive ego." But as he got more authority, he deceived his superiors in a more serious way.

For example, Colonel North told his superior, Admiral John Poindexter, that with the approval of Assistant Secretary of State Elliott Ahrams he had telephoned the president of Costa Rica. Admiral Poindexter wrote back, "You did the right thing, but let's try to keep it quiet." Abrams said he had not authorised the call and doubted that North had made it.

Colonel North even seemed to believe some of his own fantasies. A colleague at the National Security Council, Jacqueline Tillman, told Menges: "I've concluded that not only he is a liar, but he's delusional, power hungry and a danger to the president and the

Menges was a strong supporter of the contra war against the Sandinistas, as was Colonel North. But as Menges describes it, they differed on means and ends in shaping White House

policy. In their conversations, Menges writes, he said the role of the staff was to give President Reagan the facts and policy alternatives. Colonel North replied: "No, we have to make the right things happen and make sure that the president goes the way we want... We have to box him in so there's only one way he

That is the real danger of an Oliver North inside the White House: not the pathological lies but the acquisition and abuse of power. In the name of the president, Colonel North began to operate on his own, and for a long time there were no effective checks on him.

can go - the right way."

Thus he became directly involved in funnelling third-party funds to the contras after Congress stopped U.S. aid. That was wrong, Menges says, "because the president had not authorised it." Colonel North bad also been warned that it might be "an impeachable offense." In any event, it was bound to outrage Con-

In May 1986, Colonel North went to Iran with Rohert McFarlane, then the president's national security adviser. When McFarlane hroke off negotiations, Colonel North reportedly reopened them in secret — and told the Iranians that Reagan wanted

them to win the war with Iraq.
. McFarlane had been a fan of Colonel North. After that episode, Menges writes, he changed his mind. He suggested that North might go on "disability leave" to Bethesda Naval Hospital, where he had been treated for emotional distress in 1974.

Presidents nowadays do many things in secret, heyond effective check by the Congress. That profound departure from the constitutional premise becomes far more dangerous when a White House staff member takes radical steps without authority from the president. That some conservatives should want to make a hero of such a figure is amazing The New York Times.



'We seek a different road'

The following are excepts from Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's address early this month to the U.N. General Assembly

THE world in which we live today is radically different from what it was at the beginning or even in the middle of this century. And it

TODAY the preservation of any kind of "closed" society is hardly possible... The world economy is becoming a single organism, and no state, whatever its social system or economic status, can normally develop outside it.

THE greatest philosophers sought to grasp the laws of social

development and find an answer to the main question: How to make man's life happy, just and safe. The French Revolution of 1789 and the Russian Revolution of 1917 exerted n powerful impact on the very nature of history and radically changed the course of world development... To a large extent, those two revolutions shaped the way of thinking that is still prevalent in social consciousness. But today we face n different world, for which we must seek a different road to the future.

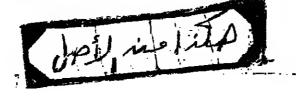
THE formula of development "at the expense of others" is on the way out. In the light of existing realities, no genuine progress is possible at the expense of the rights and freedoms of individuals and nations, nr at the expense of nature.

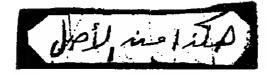
THE use or threat of force no longer can or must be an instrument of foreign policy ... All of us, and primarily the stronger of us, must exercise self-restraint and totally rule out any outwardoriented use of force... It is now quite clear that building up military power makes no country omnipotent. What is more, one-sided reliance on military power ultimately weakens other

components of national security. It is also quite clear to us that the principle of freedom of choice is mandatory. Its nonrecognition is fraught with extremely grave consequences for world peace. Denying that right to the peoples under whatever pretext or rhetorical guise means jeopardising even the fragile balance that has been attained. Freedom of choice is a universal principle that should allow for no exceptions... As the world asserts its diversity, attempts to look down on others and to teach them one's own brand of democracy become totally improper, to say nothing of the fact that democratic values

intended for export often very quickly lose their worth. What we are talking about, therefore, is unity in diversity ... We are not abandoning our convictions, our philosophy or traditions, nor do we urge anyone to abandon theirs. But neither do we have any intention to be hemmed in by our values. That would result in intellectual impoverishment, for itwould mean rejecting a powerful source of development — the exchange of everything original that each nation has independently created.

WE are, of course, far from claiming to be in possession of the ultimate truth,







Trying to explain hunger?

Aid workers say Sudan famine is over — the vulnerable are dead

By Hamza Hendawi

KHARTOUM - The 1988 famine in south Sudan has ended. The vulnerable are all dead.

Thousands of shallow graves have taken the places of the sick and dying wbo only a few months ago haunted the desolate coun-

Whoever was vulnerable has died," said Cole Dodge, the Sudan representative of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

The true figure of bow many died in what has been described as the world's most modern-day tragedy may never be known, but thousands perished from starvation, disease and malnutrition, often exacerbated by civil war.

head of French charity Medecins south in the 19th century.
Sans Frontieres (MSF) in Sudan, "Soldiers of fortune are to speaking about an MSF-run refugee camp in the south Kordofan town of Al Meiram where nearly 4,000 people died this

Relief officials who visited the town of Aweil in Bahr Al Ghazal region in late November said nearly 8,000 people died of hunger there between June and

September this year.
Foreign relief officials say the government, the army, Arab militias, southern politicians, rebels and, surprisingly, the United Nations and donor countries are high on the list of culprits who contributed to the tragedy.

Collective crime

"It is a collective crime that was made perfect by wbat amounts to a cover-up in which everyone participated," said the bead of a major foreign relief agency in Khartoum.

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There is little doubt that five-year-old civil war between government troops and rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) in the mainly animist and Christian south was a prime cause of the mass loss of life.

Fighting disrupted the subsistence agriculture of the south. whose estimated six million people are mainly cattle berdsmen, forcing more than half of them to flee their bomes in search of food and security.

Thousands died in the desperate search for food - from bunger, disease or at the hands of Arab and southern militiamen said to be enjoying tacit government support to keep the SPLA at bay.

Too late

And constant reports speak of militiamen and the mostly-undisciplined SPLA guerrillas systematically looting villages, stealing cattle and abducting women and

In December, the International Committee of the Red Cross tive enough," he said.

(ICRC) finally received the goahead from the SPLA and the government to carry out a relief operation for famine victims in areas under the control of both

The relief arrived too late for many thousands of people known to be starving and relief officials suggested the plan, first proposed nearly a year ago, could now prove short-lived.

Foreign relief officials, citing communications available to army outposts throughout the south, said field commanders appear to have consistently failed to report mass deaths in their areas or call for help.

One official said there was no evidence to indicate army transport planes were being used to ferry supplies to the south, and Those who needed belp are added: "The region has steadily gone," said Christopher Carr, grown to be reminiscent of the added: "The region has steadily

"Soldiers of fortune are there to obtain wealth. The army's (C-130) Hercules fly to the south carrying arms and ammunition and return loaded with ivory and Defence Minister Abdul

Maged Hamed Khalil, however recently denied in parliament that the army was involved in such

Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi has denied the army was using food as a weapon in the war, saying his government could only he blamed for its failure to provide adequate transport to take food to the south.

His government, meanwhile, has maintained that weather and security problems during the April-October rainy season made it virtually impossible to deliver

supplies by road. Local press reports have ac-cused southern politicians of mis-management in the distribution of government aid, a charge with which many U.N. and other relief workers in Khartoum agree.

But the capital's overwhelmingly Arabic press has remained largely oblivious to the tragedy in south Sudan, concentrating in-stead on seemingly endless bick-ering among political parties. Relief officials also blame U.N.

organisations in Khartoum and dooor countries for not baving exerted enough pressure on the government to prevent the 1988

The U.N. in Sudan bas sbown itself to be a sort of a compromise institution. This is only to be expected since three quarters of its member states are Third World countries with a bad record of buman rights," said Mark Duffield, the Sudan representa-

tive of the British charity Oxfam. The U.N. is an international civil service. The government in Sudan, together with many others, are our masters," said

Dodge of UNICEF.
"The only blame the U.N. should take is for not being effec-

Children from a different world

By Mariam Shahin Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - They are abandoned, discarded, neglected, sometimes handicapped, and nearly always unwanted children. The Al Hussein Social Institution houses, nourishes and cares forthese little abandoned souls, which number anywhere from 120 to 130 at any one time. Al Hussein Social Institution was formed in 1972, through a merger of three separate homes for "orphaned" or abandoned chil-

Originally the children were placed in separate "homes" or institutions, according to age and gender. The Al Hussein Institution currently houses boys until the age of six and girls till the age of ten, after which they are housed in other government institutions.

"Government institutions such as this one are aimed primarily to provide social services to children wbo have no one to take care of them. Most of our children, however, are not orphans", explains Salwa Nooridin, director of the bome. Of the approximately 130 children housed in the institution, more than 100 have at least one acknowledged

The reasons for which the Department of Social Services decide, (in agreement with the families of the children concerned), that the children would receive better care at the institution vary. according to Zahira Husseini, head of the Children Welfare Department at the Ministry of Social Affairs, ranging from mental illness to the imprisonment of parents. The department plays an instrumental rule in the placing of the children.

Although the child's susceptability is limitless in these crucial formative years, the institution's ability to help them cope has it's limits. "We aim to give our chil-

dren the best possible care with the means we have" Nooridin says. "Some of the children are here for a short time, others stay here for six or ten years, thus what we can actually achieve in the given time may be limited by factors beyond our control."

Foster home

There is a controversy in the minds of some people as to whether the Al Hussein Social Institution is an orphanage or not; it is not. If anything it may be called a foster home. There is an essential difference between an orphanage and a foster boine. By definition an adoption home is an institution from which children .cao be adopted. Although adopuon was once allowed in Jordan. a ruling by the Higher Islamic Court in 1975 interpreted that adoption is not allowed in Islam. Thus adoption is considered illegal in Jordan. To foster is to take care of a child as an adoptive parent would, but the child does not receive the name of this parent nor is he/she entitled to inherit from the foster parent(s).

Homeless children

The children who end up at the Al Hussein Social Institution live there for a variety of different reasons. Some are abandoned. They may be found in the street or at the doors of government iostitutions, or on the doorsteps of the foster home itself. Social workers at the Ministry of Social Affairs conduct a study of the child's background to ascertain whether the child is orpbaned or abandoned, lost or even kidnapped. The ministry follows the recommendations of the study and subsequently places the child in the foster home, if that is the advised action;

"The majority of the children at the home do not fall into this category however. Many of our children come from broken homes, where the remaining parent is not capable of caring for



Being like all others, a feeling of belonging

the child financially, emotionally and sometimes physically. Nooridin points out.

Children whose parents are imprisoned or being treated in mental institutions are also often placed in the home at the recommendation of the social workers.

"Prisons or mental institutions are no place for a child to grow up in. It would be counterproductive for the child and society as a whole if the innocent were to be locked up", Nooridin explains.

Children with mentally handicapped parents may be placed at the home if they can medically verify that because of their illness the parents are not capable of caring for their children and an extended family does not exist or is not willing/capable of caring for tbe child.

Noondin points out that many people who get divorced and remarry often want to send their children from their 1st marriage to the home feeling that it is more comfortable to keep them there than have them live with the new step parent. "We get very upset when these things happen because we feel that some people just don't care enough about their children, and that we as an institution are being taken for granted:

"But we are doing everything we can to fight the attitute of it is not convenient for me to raise my children, 'I'll just give them to the foster home to raise":

Nooridin mentioned however, that these cases are not frequent. When institutionalised parents are released, the ministry reassesses the situation and decides if a child can be returned to the natural parents. "A child is returned to it's natural mother provided that she is married, and thus can provide a socially respectable home for her child," Nooridin says.

According to Husseini, "each case is studied on it's own merits and each social worker makes his/her independent recommendations according to which the ministry then acts.'

When parents come to claim their children after a period of absence they must present a birth certificate, marriage certificate and medical records, in order to verify to the institution that they are physically, mentally and "socially" fit to take care of their

Child protection

In an interview with the Jordan Times Husseini of the Ministry of Social Development said that unlike the case in many countries a child may be placed in a foster home as a result of complaints by neighbours or relatives about a child's maltreatment at the hands of parents. Husseini ext this is "not the case in Jordan, we need to have the agreement of the parents if we want to put their child in the home. Otherwise, as to work to help others, where a government institution, we are other boys and girls manage to

not authorised to take children away from their parents whatever the circumstances.

Foster status

Children's awareness about their status as foster children in a society that is as family oriented as Jordan needs special attention, Husseini says.

"The children that grow up in foster homes have to have very strong personalities in order to survive the kind of social discrimination that they will face once they go out into the real world. There is no doubt about that." Although almost all of the chil-

(unless they are physically or mentally haodicapped), they never lead the "normal family" lives that their other classmates do. It is a difficult problem to tackle. 'What helps a lot," says Nooridin, is that "there are a few dedicated women who come in once or twice a week to play and com-municate with the children. These ladies are loved and the children look forward to their visits because they play with them, cuddle them, and simply give them the affection that any person would give to his/her child; something the staff nannies don't always have the time to do." She points out that "children crave, they actually beg, for affection and if this need is not met, then later on in their adult life they will not be able to give to others what they had never received." She notes that "almost all of these ladies that give their time and affection are non-Arab women residing in Amman".

Male rnle

What about the role men play in the upbringing of children in the foster bome?

'As in most foster homes and orphanages everywhere in the world most if not all employees are women," says Nooridin. "In the case of our institution, all the nannies, nurses and other employees are females. Except for the doctors that come to see the children on a regular basis, the children do not have contact with anyone that could possibly be considered a father figure."

Adulthood

Asked about the social discrimination the children face once they reach adulthood, Husseini notes that "it depends on the strength of the child's personality and ambition. We try to give each child the maximum chance of making it. Depending on his or her interest and academic performance we arrange funding for entry into community colleges ty. Many of our girls get married once they finish school. Some of the girls are hired by the ministry



neliness and need may result in emotionally deprived adults

find jobs on their own after graduating. In each case, however, we act as a family in that we do not throw anyone out on their own without assuring somehow that they can support themselves. If the girls are not married or iobless we make sure that they have proper accommodation and are not forced by their particular circumstances to accommodate themselves in a way that is socially or legally unacceptable.

'We have been very strict on the subject of media exposure of our children. A few years back, an Arabic magazine published the life story of one of our children with pictures of her. One day by coincidence she found and read the article and she was very upset that personal details of her life had become magazine material. She felt that we had betrayed her privacy to an already hostile world." Husseini explains that the media have ofteo accused the ministry of being secretive on the subject, "but it is our duty to protect the children's interests."

Only 10 per cent of the foster bomes children can be fostered by families and are subject to certain regulations. These children are officially orphans, that

is they have no acknowledged family. They can legally be fosiered by a family or by an institution such as the S.O.S. Children's Village. If they are fostered by a family, the ministry scrutinises the potential foster family carefully, according to Zahira Hus-

"A special social service unit researches into the hackground of the family to gather all the facts about fostering couple. They must be married, certify that they cannot have natural children of their own, be members of the Muslim faith, he in a child rearing age, must not be afflicted with any serious diseases and must be financially capable of giving the child an adequate uphringing.

But what is an adequate upbringing? Almost everybody agrees that a foster home is certainly better than growing up on the streets, as millions of children in cities such as Bombay or Rio de Janeiro do. However, the fact remains that no society can afford to relax and take for granted that things are being taken care of. "Society's obligation to itself never ends", says a volunteer who visits the foster home frequently.



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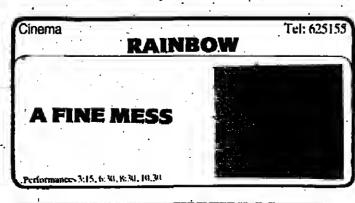
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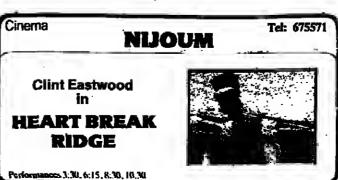
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Soviet Union to devalue rouble by 50%, loosen controls on investments

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet government has decided to devalue the rouble by 50 per cent on some trade deals in 1990, and to allow Western capitalist companies to operate almost independently on Soviet soil, Soviet media have reported.

The rouble appears to be set for a slide from \$1.60 to 80 cents. dramatically cutting the price of Soviet goods to foreign buyers.

It is the first concrete step toward reducing the rouble's extreme over-valuation under Soviet-set exchange rates. The black market rate for the rouble is 20 to 25

"A lot of people have become very excited," said a Western diplomat who declined to be named. But he worned that the communist nation reputedly has 3,000 different exchange rates. depending on the product and the partner, and the Soviets have not said which will experience the

full 50 per cent drop.

The devaluation will affect only foreign trade. not tourists and Soviet citizens, he said.

The changes are designed to encourage foreign firms to build factories that will ease the Soviet Union's extreme shortage of con-sumer goods and medical supplies, according to a policy state-ment from the Council of Ministers published in several economic journals in the past few days.

A spokesman for the Council of Ministers declined to clanfy the statement, but promised a news conference with Deputy

The devaluation is set for Jan. I, 1990, the newspaper Socialisticheskaya Industria, or socialist industry, has reported. Western economists said they were baffled by the year-long delay, noting that it throws current trade negotiations into chaos, as foreigners would gain by waiting for the more favourable exchange rates.

The newspaper termed the devaluation an interim step toward a completely new set of exchange rates to be installed Jan. 1, 1991.

The Western economists, who declined to be identified, said that timetable fits with Soviet plans to completely revamp wholesale prices, which now are set hy bureaucrats and have no relation to costs. Retail price re-form is expected at a later date, as is a convertible rouble.

The policy statement promised that foreign firms, now limited to 49 per cent ownership of joint ventures, will be allowed to negotiate their stakes, and even send in their own managers to run the companies.

"It's a lot closer" to major Western companies' desire for real control, and at least 90 per cent ownership, before they invest in Soviet operations, said Premier Vladimir Kamentsev at a one U.S. businessman in Moscow

who asked not to be identified. "One of the reasons they've been cool toward the joint venture law is they'd like to operate .their own wholly-owned subsidiaries in the Soviet Union," he

"It's a psychological barrier,' said a Western diplomat "because you can have what you want and the managing director can be foreign.

In addition, the joint venture will be allowed to pay for housing and other services for its foreign employees out of its rouble earnings, rather than be forced to spend additional hard currency,

The policy statement also promised that firms manufacturng consumer goods and medical products in the Soviet Union would be allowed to take part of their profits home. Companies building operations in the sparsely populated Soviet far east would get three years of tax-free opera-

However, several businessmen said the changes don't eliminate the greatest obstacles to Western firms. "You've got to be able to repatriate profits and guarantee a supply of materials locally, noted John Burgess of Midland

But the U.S. businessman said Western interest in the Soviet market is being driven more by "the hype of perestroika and the

U.S. Congressional agency urges broad thrifts reforms

WASHINGTON (Agencies) -Broad reform of the deposit insurance system should be included in any multihillion-dollar rescue package for bankrupt savings and loan institutions, a congressional watchdog agency has

The General Accounting Office said in a report prepared for a congressional committee that to handle thrift failures over the next 10 years, the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp IFSLIC) likely needs \$85 billion more than it is currently scheduled to receive.

FSLIC insures customer deposits in savings and loans, collecting its revenues from insurance premiums it charges the

But FSLIC is now bankrupt itself, ending 1987 with a deficit of \$14 billion, at a time when hundreds of insolvent thrifts must

he sold or closed out. At the end of 1987, more than 500 thrifts already were insolvent and insured deposit-taking in-

ceeded only during the Great Depression of the 1930s, the General Accounting Office The GAO report recommends

separating FSLIC from the regulatory agency for the savings and loan industry, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, to give it more authority to deal with problem

The congressional agency says FSLIC should be reorganised and given new capital to permit it to operate on its own. It does not favour merging FSLIC with the healthy fund that insures commercial bank deposits, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC), as some members of

Congress have urged. The GAO says about 1,000 thnfts that are troubled but not yet insolvent should be left with the restructured FSLIC, but an estimated 1,000 healthy thrifts should be permitted to convert to FD1C's insurance fund and pay fces like those levied on commerstitutions of all types were going cial banks.

A government report revealed last week that the number of insolvent savings and loan associations sfell further from July through September, but the improvement was partially offset by the 22 thrift institutions that slipped into insolvency. The savings and loans industry

is piling up the biggest loss this year since the depression of the 1930s. Losses in the Ihird quarter were \$1.6 billion, down from \$3.9 billion in both the first and second quarters.

The Federal Home Loan Bank vent institutions fell from 498 as of June 30 to 434 as of Sept. 30. At the end of last year, there were 520 insolvents.

However, even as the government resolved or stabilised the cases of 86 thrifts, 22 more slip-

ped into insolvency.

James Barth, chief economist of the bank board, declined to say whether he thought thrift institution performance would improve or worsen in the fourth quarter.

Study shows increasing challenge from state companies to oil giants

companies still dominate the sale and refining of oil despite moves hy Third World and Gulf states to control the way their prime resource is handled, an independeni study has said.

A survey of the world's top 50 oil companies by the New Yorkbased oil journal Petroleum Intelligence Weekly (PIW) said Mexico, Brazil and OPEC producers Saudi Arahia. Venezuela and Kuwait were making head-way in the refining or "downstream sector controlled by oil majors for most of the century.

But the six remaining "seven sister" multinationals which ran the oil world until OPEC began to dictate prices and output in the

LONDON (R) - Big Western 1970's - Royal/Dutch Shell, Exxon, Texaco, British Petroleum. Mobil and Chevron — still lead in downstream.

The seven became six after

Chevron acquired Gulf. "Refining and marketing sull remain dominated by the large international majors." PIW said. "Shell, alone, sells one of every 10 barrels of products in the non-communist world."

The 50 firms account for more than 80 per cent of oil output outside the East Bloc and hold 90 per cent of crude oil and natural gas liquids reserves outside the

East Bloc, PIW said. The survey, PIW's first in what it plans to be an annual series. tracks six key factors - oil and

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weighing all six areas, Aramco. the state oil firm of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' biggest producer Saudi Arabia, ranks first.

Shell ranks second, followed by Exxon, the state Petroleos De Venezuela, the state National Iranian Oil Co, Chevron, Texaco, Mobil, Pertamina of Indonesia and British Petroleum.

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Garuda, Saudia sign air service accord

JAKARTA. Indonesia (AP) — Indonesian flag carrier Garuda Indonesia Airways and the Saudia Airlines have signed an agreement on air service between the two countries. Under the agreement, each airline would add one scheduled flight a week between Jakarta and Jeddah, with further increases possible, said Sobirin Misbach, director-general for air communication. He signed along with Sbeikh Nassir Al Assad, director fo the Saudi Civil Aviation Agency. At present, Garuda and Saudia serve the Jakarta-Jeddah route three times a week with Boeing 747 jetliners.

Report urges help to jobless women

BRUSSELS (R) - A European Community (EC) report has accused member states of not doing enough to help unemployed women find jobs and singled out Britain, Spain, Ireland and Belgium for particular criticism. It said although female unemployment was growing faster than male. EC states should be providing more counselling and information about how to find jobs as well as increasing the length of maternity leave. The report said it was hard to estimte how many jobless women there were in the EC because many were not registered for unemployment benefit.

Swiss National Bank raises rates

ZURICH (AP) - The Swiss National Bank announced Friday it is raising its key lending rates by a one-half percentage point effective Dec. 19, in a new display of its tight monetary policy. The discount rate was increased to 3½ per cent and the Lombard rate to 5½ per cent. Both rates bad last been boosted Aug. 25. The new increase came one day after the West German Bundesbank raised its Lombard rate from 5.0 to 5.5 per cent. In a statement, the bank said the new action took into account the "current situation on the money market and is in compliance with the Swiss National Bank's policy as implied in the money supply target for 1989." The target in money stock expansion is two per cent. Swiss National Bank President Markus Lusser said last June that this should allow the Swiss economy to grow around two per cent without any risk of

Britain's inflation rate stays at 6.4%

LONDON (AP) - Britain's annual inflation rate beld steady at 6.4 per cent in November, the government has said in a report that somewhat eased concerns about resurgent inflation. However, retail prices rose 0.5 per cent in November from the previous month, the Department of Employment said. "There can be no grounds for complacency," Employment Secretary Norman Fowler said. Fighting inflation "remain a clear priority." The government has pushed up interest rates to 13 per cent from a decade-low of 7.5 per cent in June to discourage consumer spending and choke off inflation, which has increased from a 3.3 per cent annual rate in January. In October, the retail price index rose one per cent from the previous month and was up 6.4 per cent from a year earlier. Market expectations had been for an annual inflation rate of between 6.3 per cent and 6.5 per cent. in November.

Jakarta allows rupiah to continue slide

JAKARTA (AP) - The Indonesian central bank Friday set the rate of the nation's currency, the rupiah, at 1,728 to one U.S. dollar, down from 1,726 rupiahs Thursday. Monetary authorities have been allowing the rupiah to decline against the dollar since the beginning of this year to help maintain the competitiveness of Indonesia's non-oil exports. A lower rupiah tends to make Indonesian products less expensive. By the end of July the currency had dropped to 1,693 rupiahs per dollar from its 1987 level of 1.650. It fell to 1.718 per dollar by the end of November, to 1,720 Dec. 3 and 1,726 Dec. 14. In September 1986, the government devalued the currency by 45 per cent from I,134 to 1,644 rupiahs to the dollar, but last year allowed it to rise to 1,650.

Nigeria Airways sacks 3,000 workers

LAGOS (AP) — The administrator of Nigeria Airways bas dismissed 3,000 workers, a third of the work force, in a bid to keep the bankrupt airline operating. The airline had earlier sharply reduced its overseas flights after accidents grounded some aircraft and two others were seized for non-payment of debts. It has been denied over-flight rights by some countries for refusing to pay its bills. The airline reportedly owes more than \$1 billion to creditors. International flight attendants were replaced with attendants from domestic flights after several attendants and flight crew members were arrested on drugs charges in the United States, Europe and Britain. Some senior officials were among those dismissed, including the director of engineering and maintenance. In addition to management problems, the airline suffered through years of over-valuation of the Nigerian naira and its fares, set by the government, were often below cost.

Norway continues record oil output

OSLSO (R) — Norway, Western Europe's biggest oil producer after Britain, last month continued to pump crude at a record rate from its North Sea fields, petroleum companies operating here have said. Output equalled the previous record average, set in October, of 1.22 million barrels oil a day, according to a Reuter survey. Operators said production would not exceed Norway's voluntary 7.5 per cent cutback in planned production growth. Norway, which is not a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), has enforced the cutback since February, 1987, in support of the producer group's efforts to stabilise world oil prices. Norway recently renewed the curbs through the first half of 1989.

Citibank Bahrain promotes two

president and director of Citicorp global payment products, for the

BAHRAIN - Mr. Mohammad Middle East, Africa and Levant, Al Shroogi, vice president and has been promoted to regional general manager of Citibank Bahrain Branch, has announced that Mr. Zaher Hammouda, vice director for South Asia, Australia and New Zealand. Mr. Ham-mouda left Bahrain in November 1988 to assume his new responsibilities and will be based in Singa-

pore. Mr. Hani Al Maskati, who is currently the business development director for the Middle East, bas been promoted to director of Citicorp global payments products Middle East, Africa and Levant's business and will continue to be based in Bahrain. Mr. Al Maskati bas held several management positions at Citicorp/ Citibank during the last few years. Both Mr. Hammouda and Mr. Al Maskati are Bahraini nationals and have been with Citicorp/Citibank for a number of

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Britain gives Kuwait 3 years to cut B.P. stake

LONDON (R) - Britain said Friday it was giving Kuwait three years to divest more than half of its 21.6 per cent stake in British Petroleum (B.P.) Co Pic, Britain's biggest company.

Trade and industry secretary Lord Young, who told the Kuwait Investment Office in October it bad one year to cut its B.P. stake to 9.9 per cent, said he was extending that period to three years. Kuwait had asked for a five-year time limit.

The Kuwait Investment Office, the London-based overseas investment arm of the Kuwait finance ministry, built up its stake after a buge £7.2 billion (\$13 billion) public issue of new B.P. shares flopped last year in the wake of the October stock market crash. Most of the issue represented the British government's remaining stake in B.P.

The cut in Kuwait's B.P. holding was ordered after Britain's watchdog Monopolies and Merger Commission judged it could lead to a conflict of interests. Kuwait is a major oil producer and a member of OPEC, the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

A B.P. spokesman declined to comment on a market rumour

that the oil and gas group might use the proceeds from a possible sale of its minerals division to of the Kuwaiti shares.

holding talks with RTZ over the purchase of B.P.'s minerals busi-RTZ Corp Plc to buy back some ness, which industry sources said could be worth some \$3.5 billion.

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Arab foreign debt sucks 20% of oil export income

than 20 per cent of Arab oil guaran export earnings are now being clared. channelled towards debt servicing, according to an editorial in editorial, have declined sharply tries (OAPEC).

KUWAIT (OPECNA) - More private debts not officially guaranteed and those not de-Arab oil revenues, says the

the "Bulletin" monthly, pub- to \$60 billion, no more than lished by the Organisation of one-fourth of the figure recorded Arab Petroleum Exporting Coun- at the beginning of the decade. The "Bulletin" points out that

The publication estimated the major Arab oil countries are now external debt of 12 Arab states at turning to domestic markets to more than \$80 billion, excluding finance their budget deficits.

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Weekly Amman Financial Market trading

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1	Jordan Islamic Bank	1430	2676	1.870	1.870	1.00
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H	Jordan Dairy	34624	35415	1.050	1.010	1.000
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Lewis hoisted Celtics above Lakers

scored 10 points in the fourth quarter and Danny Ainge added nine as the Boston Celtics survived Los Angeles' second-half comeback Friday might and beat

the Lakers 110-96. The Celtics, whose 59-43 lead late in the first half dropped to 69-65 in the third quarter and 90-84 in the fourth, took control in the final six minutes. Bulls 100, Pacers 93

Michael Jordan made four free throws and blocked a shot in the last 1:14 Chicago held on after nearly wasting a 14-point fourthquarter lead.

Chicago led 66-47 in the third quarter and 90-76 in the fourth before Indiana went on a 17-4 run to pull within a point with one and a half minutes left.

76ers 114, Nets 106

Charles Barkley capped a 17point run spanning the third and fourth quarters with a dunk as Philadelphia snapped a fourgame losing streak.

Philadelphia, which won for the third time in 10 road games, trailed 89-83 with 1:20 left in the third quarter. The 76ers got going as Mike Gminski, a formet Nets player, made a 15-foot jumper and Maurice Cheeks drove the

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SPEAK OF THE DEVIL

BOSTON (AP) — Reggie Lewis lane for a three-point play, pull-scored 10 points in the fourth ing them to 89-88 at the end of the quarter.

Mayericks 107, Hornets 98

Mark Aguirre scored 10 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter and Sam Perkins thad 21 points and 14 rebounds

Dallas led 54-44 at halftime and mcreased its lead to 65-52 when Perkins made two free throws with 7:19 left in the third quarter. Rolando Blackman scored 15 points for the Mavericks.

Atlanta 115, Milwankee 112 Glenn Rivers made a 15-footer with 17 seconds remaining and Reggie Theus added two free

throws with five seconds left.

Dominique Wilkins, who
scored 30 points, put Atlanta
ahead 111-105 with 2:03 left but Milwaukee scored seven straight

Suns 132, Trail Blazers 125 Armon Gilliam scored a career-high 41 points and Kevin Johnson had 13 of his 22 in the

Against four spades West wasted no time in cashing the king-ace of

diamonds and ace of clubs and exit-

ing with a diamond. Declarer was faced with the loss of a trump trick, and the percentage way to avoid that was via a "Devil's Coup." To

accomplish the desired ending, de-clarer first had to decide which de-

fender was more likely to be long in trumps. He concluded that West's

unseemly haste to cash his three

tricks was because be thought be might have a trump trick, so he elected to play West for three-trumps to an honor.

if West's distribution was specifical-

by 3-4-3-3. So declarer won the diamond, cashed the ace and king of

hearts and ruffed a heart. Next he

cashed the king of clubs and ruffed

a club. Then he returned to hand

Declarer and East were now down

to two trumps and club each, while

dummy and West each held three trumps. When declarer led his last

chih, West was rained. If he ruffed

low, declarer would overruff on the table and score the last two tricks

with the acc-king of trumps. If he ruffed with the queen, dummy would overruff with the king and a

finesse of the ten of trumps would

yield the last two tricks. Making

By Harris

with a heart ruff.

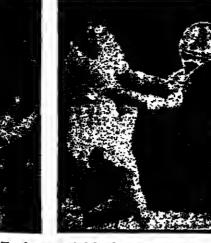
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fourth quarter as Phoenix won its sixth straight home game. Portland, which had won the last seven games against Phoenix meeting ever on clay.
"I think I played pretty good and 11 of the past 12 games overall, trailed 104-89 after the

third quarter and 120-103 with month.

Becker, the hottest player in the last two months with Grand Prix wins in Tokyo and Stockholm as well as the Masters, thought he had a better chance from the beginning "because Ste-fan has not played so many clay court tournaments this year."

Edberg and Anders Jarryd need to win Saturday's donbles over Becker and Eric Jelen if the Swedes are to stay alive in the



The fate of champions: Wilander struggled for four bours before losing to Carl-Uwe Steeb, while Becker despatched Stefan Edberg with consummate case.

Unknown beats Wilander

GOTEBORG, Sweden (AP) ---Carl-Uwe Steeh and Boris Becker beat Sweden's grand slam winners in the opening singles to give West Germany a commanding 2-0 lead over the defending champions in the Davis Cup final Friday night.

Steeh was the big hero of the day, coming back from a two-set deficit to upset Mats Wilander in a five-set match lasting five hours on the red indoor clay at the packed Scandinavian arena.

Steeh, ranked 74th in the world, stunned the world's topranked player 8-10, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4, 8-6 after saving one match point at 5-6 in the decisive set.

Becker then easily defeated Wimhledon champion Stefan as well in his career. Edberg 6-3, 6-1, 6-4 in their first "I'm so happy," he sa

on clay tonight," said Becker, who lost to Edherg in the Wimbledon final and also was beaten by the Swede in a round rohin match of the Masters early this

best-of-five match series.

Becker's better all-court game spelled the difference against Edberg. The West German hit his groundstrokes deep and moved much hetter throughout the match. Edberg changed tactics in the

third set, playing more aggressive tennis. The Swede had two chances to take a 4-2 lead, but Becker saved both break points. Becker's only service break came in the seventh game, after nailing a hrilliant return. That made it 4-3. The German only lost two points in his remaining two service games, wrapping up the match with a smash.

Steeh said he had never played

"I'm so happy," he said. "I just went for my strokes all the time. Wilander, a three-time French Open champion known for his superb physical condition, had never before lost a five-set match after winning the first two sets.

"I played more aggressive in the end and made my own points," Steeh said. "Mats looked tired and he missed his passing shots when I came in."

It was a hitter defeat for Wilander, who won the Australian, French and U.S. Open titles this year but has struggled in the last two months.

The Swede was upset before his bome fans in an early round of the Stockholm Open early last

PORECAST FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1988

YOUR HOROSCOPE

--- As Charted By The Carroll Righter Astrological Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You'bave a better understanding of what you want and bow to proceed. Important issues and plans can be successfully discussed. Correct misunderstandings that have

created tension in the past. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Your mood changes when you have had smouth rest and relaxation. You are

enough rest and relaxation. You are ready for social activities and spending time with friends.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Go where there are some fresh recreational possibilities. Holiday gift shopping for those who are hard to buy for may go well today.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) It is easier for you to be organized to day. You are ready to deal with

day. You are ready to deal with young people and can teach them a lot. Your ideas are stimulating.

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MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) You move forward with im-portant changes. The current at-mosphere surrounding finances is not shared by family members. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Love set-tles on you. Feelings can get out of hand. Sensual emotions are difficult to control. Get involved in

easily. Plan for boliday recr and events. Your parents will play a role if you contact them. LIBRA (Sept. 21 to Oct. 22) Spend time with someone who possesses mature judgment. Take

a survey of your lifestyle to bring matters into perspective. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Shopping today may leave you with battle scars. You are buppy at home with family and friends. You accomplish a mountain of work.

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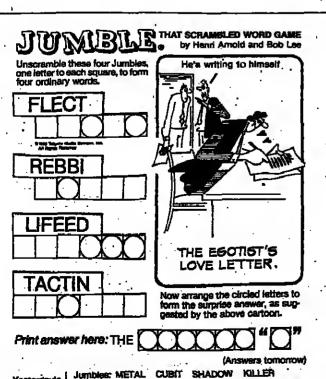
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Take charge of schedules and chores to free up some time.
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a suprise contact. Experiment, but knep activities confined to what you can control. Stay close to family. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) A shake-up at bome is resolved when chores are reassigned. Creative projects are energized. You win respect and affection.

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Norwich stays on top at Liverpool

LONDON (R) - Norwich kept their place on top of the English soccer first division Saturday when they improved the best

pions Liverpool. Midfielder Andy Townsend struck the decisive goal after 60 minutes to earn Norwich their first victory in six matches and leave Liverpool beaten at home for the second time this season. It was Norwich's sixth win in eight away matches - a vivid contrast to the champions' disappointing bome record of two wins, four draws and two defeats.

Second-placed Arsenal, who could have gone top if Norwich had lost or drawn and they bad won, supplied the result they required by beating Manchester United 2-1 at Highbury to end a run of four games without suc-

Goals hy England midfielder Michael Thomas and striker Paul Merson in the opening 16 minutes put them in command and United's 81st minute replay from

SPORTS IN BRIEF

ISTANBUL (R) - Rioting soccer fans set fire to a police car

before a league match Sarurday involving Turkey's European Cup hope, Galatasaray of Istanhul, already facing stiff international

penalties for violence hy its supporters. Riot police arrested 60 people and confiscated weapons like petrol bombs and long knives normally used for cutting slices of Turkish doner kebah, Anatolian News Agency said. A petrol bomb was thrown as fans

from Galatasaray and Besiktas, its chief league rival, shouted slogans and scuffled on main roads near Galatasaray's Ali Sami

Yen stadium. During Galatasaray's 5-0 European Cup victory over Switzerland's Neuchatel Xamax Nov. 7, objects thrown by

fans hit a linesman and a reserve player. The European Football

Union (UEFA), reversing an earlier decision, allowed the result

to stand hut ordered Galatasaray to play the home leg of its quarter-final outside Turkey and any semi-final outside Istanbul.

HONOLULU (AP) - The Honolulu Marathon Association is

withholding the \$5,000 to the runner-up in last Sunday's race

because they suspect he entered under a fraudulent name and

nationality. Officials of the Athletics Congress, the sport's

governing body in the United States, and the Honolulu marathon believe that the runner who identified himself as Bradt Nava of

Paraguay may be from South Africa. The Hooolulu star-bulletin said it sent race photos of Nava to Glenn Lattimer, an

international sports agent who represents former South African runner Mark Plaatjes. The newspaper quoted Lattimer as saying Nava appears to be South African runner David Tsebe.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Drivers Al Unser Jr. and Danny

Sullivan will have executive roles in the making of a Hollywood movie about auto racing teotatively titled "Indy," the Indianapolis motor speedway announced Friday. The film will bave a

\$20-million budget and will be filmed at the track in May an the

six weeks after the 1989 Indy 500, officials said. Tony Scott, who directed the movie "Top Gun," will be the director. The two major male stars will be selected within a month, officials said.

MONTE CARLO (R) - Olympic champions Carl Lewis and

Florence Griffith Joyner were named Best Athletes of 1988

Friday in a poll of 400 international sports administrators and

NICOSIA (R) - Iran has told FIFA it will guarantee the safety of

soccer matches played in the country, the Iranian News Agency IRNA reported Saturday. The security pledge, made in a letter from the Football Federation of Iran (FFI) to FIFA clears the way

for a resumption of international matches and competitions in

fran guarantees safety of players

Hollywood movie about auto racing

S. African wins prize under false name

Turkish soccer fans turn violent

Welsh international Mark Hughes came too late to weaken.

their grip. Norwich, on top of the table away record in the league with a since September, now lead with 1-0 win over defending cham- 33 points from 17 matches. Arsenal are two points behind

with a game in hand. Millwall, recovering after last week's defeat at Tottenham, moved up to third by beating mid-table Sheffield Wednesday 1-0 on an 87th minute goal by

striker Teddy Sheringham. Millwall's win gives them 27 points, one more than Coventry who were beaten 2-0 at home by Derby and two more than Liverpool and Southampton.

Coventry's defeat could have been heavier if their goalkeeper Steve Ogrizovic had not been in such excellent form. He saved an early penalty from Derby winger Nigel Callaghan but could not prevent Scottish forward Ted McMinn and Welsh striker Dean Saunders scoring in the second

To make matters worse for Coventry, who had hoped to

maintain their challenge for the which saw the London cluh's contitle, the match was plunged into darkness during the first half when there was a brief floodlights

Southampton, enjoying one of their best seasons for several years, were held to a 3-3 draw in a thrilling match at Newcastle where the home team trailed 3-1 with 25 minutes remaining.

Midfielder Kevin Brock, new Newcastle manager Jim Smith's \$540,000 signing from his former club Queen's Park Rangers, bad opened the scoring after eight

But Southampton stormed into the lead with two goals from Matthew Le Tissier and one from Rodney Wallace before Irish midfielder Michael O'Neill rescued a point with goals after 65 and 89 minutes.

Smith's former club Queen's Park Rangers, now under the guidance of Trevor Francis who was surprisingly named as playermanager last Wednesday, drew 0-0 with Everton in a match

troversial full-hack Mark Dennis cautioned for the 68th time in his

career. Dennis has one of the wors: disciplinary records in the English league and has been warned by Francis that his future is at stake

if he cannot improve his self-

Improving Tottenham won London's most intriguing fixture hy beating West Ham 2-0 away at pton Park with goals in each half from defenders Gary Mab-

butt and Mitchell Thomas. The win lifted them out of the bottom six for the first time this season as fellow-strugglers Luton and Aston Villa drew 1-1 and Charlton were held 0-0 at Miodleshrough.

Luton, unbeaten in six match-es, would have won thanks to a brilliant 43rd minute goal hy Roy Wegerle — his sixth in six games — if defender Marvin Johnson had not scored a spectacular own goal, lohbing the hall over his goalkeeper Les Sealey from more

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Athletes of the year







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Sofia meeting first after Gorbachev decision

Warsaw Pact discusses pullout

SOFIA (R) — Warsaw Pact defence ministers gathered in Sofia Saturday for their first joint meeting since Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev announced sweeping cuts in troops and equipment in Eastern Europe.

agency BTA said the ministers of the seven-member communist defence alliance had arrived in Sofia for the meeting chaired by Commander-in-Chief Viktor Kulikov of the Soviet Union.

It is their first meeting since Gorbachev made his dramatic announcement Dec. 8 that total Soviet forces would be cut hy 500,000 in two years, and that six tank divisions and 50,000 men would be withdrawn from East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Hungary.
Soviet Arms Control Chief and

Deputy Foreign Minister Viktor Karpov told a Moscow news hriefing Thursday that the tanks withdrawn would include both

old and new models. His statement was seen as a response to fears expressed hy

The official Bulgarian news some North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) officials that the effect of the move could be diminished if it involved only

> old equipment. Karpov also said troops remaining in the three countries would be reorganised into purely defensive units.

> Although Moscow's allies have publicly supported the Soviet move, diplomats in the region said some East Bloc military leaders might have reservations.

Soviet armed forces Chief of Staff Sergei Akhromeyev, a World War II veteran who rose during the Stalin era in which massive military strength was emphasised, stepped down from the post earlier this month, officially for health reasons.

Karpov denied reports that Akhromeyev, 65, had resigned

because of disagreement over the Gorbachev initiative. He was replaced by 49-year-old Colonel-General Mikhail Moiseyev.

The deputy minister declined to comment on reports that Soviet Defence Minister General Dmitry Yazov, 65, might also soon step down and be replaced by a civilian. Yazov was reported to have arrived in Sofia for the current

Diplomats in the region said there might he some concern over the extent of the Soviet cuts among senior officers in the Warsaw Pact forces, most of whom are also war veterans likely to have been influenced by Stalin's

In Czechoslovakia, Communist Party leader Milos Jakes went out of his way recently to dispel any suggestions that the 80,000 Soviet troops stationed in the country since the 1968 Warsaw Pact invasion, which crushed the "Prague spring" reform and installed the regime he now leads, were there for domestic reasons.



Central American wars rage despite many mediation efforts

MANAGUA (R) — Central American presidents promised to end the region's guerrilla wars in 1988, but except in Nicaragua, where U.S.-backed rebels have run out of money, the conflicts seem likely to grind on for years.
Guerrillas in El Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua say

governments in their countries have not tried to eradicate the social injustices that sparked off wars in which 100,000 people have died.

Washington has also faced a series of sethacks in 1988, with governments in Nicaragua and Panama set to outlast President Reagan despite his efforts to force them from power.

President-elect George Bush will have to contend with U.S. allies in Central America who appear more wary of U.S. poli-

Costa Rica President Oscar Arias won the 1987 Nohel Peace Prize for creating a regional peace plan, which Central American leaders agreed to implement after a summit in San Jose in

But the plan, calling for democratic reforms and an end to foreign support of insurgents, has stagnated. None of the presidents are now talking of Central American peace in 1989.

A new summit will be held in El Salvador in January hut Salvadorean President Jose Napoleon Duarte said: "We shouldn't

Leftist guerrillas in El Salvador and Guatemala have continued fighting this year, saying the United States is propping up weak civilian governments while turning a blind eye to military-run death sqauds.

cio Cerezo faced an attempted coup in May, when loyalist troops choked a rebellion by soldiers at two bases outside the capital.

Only the conflict in Nicaragua has subsidised in 1988, even though the Reagan administration and the right-wing contras say the Sandinistas still want to impose a Marxist dictatorship.

Billboards in Managua read; "Reagan is going, the revolution

The U.S. Congress cut off military aid to the rehels in Fehruary and most of the demoralised contra army is now camped in eastern Honduras.

In March, the contras and the Sandinistas signed a truce which set out a mechanism for ending The rebels brok peace talks in June, accusing the Sandinistas of intransigence. An uneasy ceasefire is still in place.

Panamanian leader General Manuel Antonio Noriega has survived attempts by Washington to oust him.

hours after he tried to topple Critics of the Stealth programNoriega as head of the 16,000- me have warned that the Pentastrong armed forces.
Washington still recognises De-

Ivalle and has imposed economic Noriega to resign and allow democratic reforms.

Palme suspect to go on ID parade STOCKHOLM (AP) — The widow of Prime Minister Olof range and killed Feb. 28, 1986,

Palme has agreed to try to identify a 41-year-old Swede being held in the investigation of her husband's fatal shooting, Expressen newspaper reported Saturday.

Christer Pettersson, who was arrested Wednesday, pleaded innocent Friday in a preliminary hearing. But a judge ruled there were reasonable grounds to suspect he killed Palme and ordered him held for further investigation.

Palme, the dominant figure in Swedish politics for more

while walking home unguarded from a downtown movie theatre with his wife Lisbet, who was grazed by a bullet.

However, it was not certain she would be summoned to make an identification, according to the report.

"We would like to spare her as long as possible," Expressen quoted a source close to the investigation as saying. "If we can do without her testimony we will try to do that."

Prosecutor Jorgen Almblad complained, meanwhile, about publication of Pettersson's picthan a decade, was shot at close ture in foreign newspapers, saying that would complicate

"If a witness says he has seen" the photograph of a suspect in the paper, the value of the evidence will be rather low at a confrontation," Almbiad said on Swedish radio.

Several witnesses have picked out Pettersson as the man seen standing outside the movie theatre before Palme and his wife emerged, press reports said Saturday.

Nothing has spriaced, however, to indicate that he

was actually the gunman.

The killer followed the couple down the street for several

"If we've proven anything in the last eight years, it is that peace

through strength works."

Tower, he said, "has estah-

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people for his knowledge... and

for his understanding of the fun-

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the ability to defend our country,

defend our vital interests abroad,

maintain the confidence of our

allies, and the respect of our potential adversaries." Tower

As chairman of the Senate

Armed Services Committee,

"It is essential that America

to reassure NATO

al defence," Bush told reporters. of President Ronald Reagan's

years ago.

blocks before the shooting, then escaped down a dark alley.

Sweden's press and libel regdations prohibit publication in this country of the names and pictures of suspects in criminal cases, in some instances even after a person has been con-

However, personal informa-tion about Swedes is easily available from various national offices. Since his arrest, Petterson's name has been a matter of public record, and anyone can obtain a picture of him for a three-kronor (\$0.50) fee at the

central passport office. **Tower appointment**

military huildup in the early

Bush said "the many significant

foreign policy accomplishments" of the Reagan administration

would not have been possible

but for the re-establishment of

our national strength which Presi-

dent Reagan inaugurated eight

He acknowledged challenges in

the defence policy, referring to the constraints on spending

caused by attempts to reduce

U.S. government deficits without

ahead of us," Tower said. "... we

must provide at least as much, if

not more, defence for less

money. And to meet that chal-

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"We do have a great challenge

Noise finally

TOKYO (AP) — Twelve years

SYDNEY (R) — A hureaucratic scrooge has panned some Australian Santas who feel their "ho, ho, ho" routine deserves to be rates of 74 dollars (\$60) for a three-hour stint in the sleigh, At (\$18) for sitting in midsummer heat while toddlers pull their

Stealth cost revealed

WASHINGTON (R) — The air force said Friday that each of its planoed 132 Stealth bombers, designed to be invisible to enemy radar, is expected to cost \$515.9

"The Soviets know what the plane can do. Whatever it costs is worth it," Air Force Secretary Edward Aldridge told reporters in estimating the total cost of the programme at \$68.1 hillion after inflation is taken into account.

The first flying-wing design air-craft built by Northrop Corporation will become operational in mid-1991 at Whitman Air Force Base, Missouri, and the last will probably be delivered in mid-

1995. Aldridge said. The first B-2 was hriefly rolled out of a hangar at Northrop's California plant last month and is expected to make its first flight to Edwards Air Force Base in California within the next two months to begin flight tests.

The aircraft has no tail or fuselage like current planes. It is designed with sharp edges and made of composite materials which will not reflect an identifiable object to enemy radar oper-

Despite Friday's air force esti-mate, some critics of the prog-ramme have estimated that the planes could actually cost more than \$750 million each and say that it could not find Soviet mobile missiles effectively.

The air force said that the cost

of the programme in 1981 dollars would be 42.5 billion, 16 per cent more than the original estimate of \$36.6 hillion. But those figures do not take inflation into account. It estimated the cost in "then

year" (inflated) dollars at 68.1 Despite criticism of the high

cost of the aircraft in the face of expected defence hudget problems, Aldridge said it is needed. Other B-2 supporters, including Senate Armed Forces Committee Chairman Sam Nunn of Georgia, has said it will make the costly

Critics of the Stealth programgon should move very slowly on developing the B-2 because of electronic and other problems exsanctions aimed at forcing perienced in the U.S. B-1 strategic bomber, which is now

Tower was Congress' greatest ally than maintaining a strong nation-Colombo extends emergency laws

COLOMBO (AP) — Sinhalese extremists have killed more than 425 people in the last month in an attempt to disrupt Monday's presidential election, officials said Saturday, as the government extended emergency laws. Cabinet Minister Vincent Per-

WASHINGTON (AP) - Presi-

dent-elect George Bush said Fri-

day his appointment of John

Tower as defence secretary

should reassure the North Atlan-

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тега said 405 people were killed hy militants from Nov. 16 to Dec. 14 in Sinhalese-dominated central and southern Sri Lanka. At least 23 people were killed

Thursday and Friday, police and military officials said. The minister spoke in parliament before the 168-member house voted 65-2 to extend indefinitely emergency laws in effect since 1983. The laws give the

government broad powers to de-

tain people suspected of arson,

NO TURNS

violence and instigating strikes.

The latest victims included three policemen killed Friday when suspected Sinhalese extremists attacked police patrols in central Sri Lanka, said the military officials, who cannot be identified under briefing rules. The killings are part of a cam-

paign of violence aimed at disrupting the presidential polls. The People's Liberation Front, the main militant Sinhalese group, has called for a boycott of the voting, claiming they will not beconducted fairly. The group has called for the

dismissal of the government and organised a series of crippling strikes in the Sinhalese heartland. It says the government gave too many concessions in a July 1987

THE Sunday Crossword

peace accord aimed at ending a five-year-old insurrection by guerrillas from the monority Tamil community. Members of the front have

been blamed for homb attacks on meetings of opposition presidential candidates Sirimavo Bandaranaike and Ossie Abeygoonasekara. Two bombs exploded at a pub-

lic meeting Friday addressed hy Bandaranaike, a former prime minister and leader of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party. She was Abeygoonasekara, who represents the United Socialist

Alliance, which is composed of four leftist parties, has survived he announced his candidacy.

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Old Curiosity Shop up for sale

LONDON (AP) - The old curiosity shop, reputed to be the oldest shop in London and the home of Charles Dickens' child heroine little Nell, is being offered for sale, agents said s Thursday. The picturesque house at 13 Portsmouth Street in Holborn, central London. was built in about 1567 during the reign of Elizabeth I. The house became a Elizabeth I. The house became a curiosity shop in the 1780s and is thought to have provided the inspiration for Diabenes 1968 inspiration for Dickens' 1840 novel. "The Old Curiosity Shop." Today, the shop sells gifts, antiques and mementos and attracts more than 400,000 visitors a year, said real estate agents Knight, Frank and Rutley.

pays off

after filing suit, 319 residents of a southern Japanese city were awarded 197 million yen (\$1.59 million) Friday for suffering caused by noise from night flights at a local airport. Some 507 residents of Fukuoka City, 899 kilometres southwest of Tokyo, filed civil suits in 1976 and 1981 against the government, asking the court to han night flights at the airport due to noise which they said violated legally permissible levels. The plaintiffs complained of stomach ulcers, sleeplessness, hearing difficulties and disturbances to television and radio reception from nighttime flights by military and civilian jets at the airport, said court spokesman Yuichi Shiona.

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Last Week's Cryptograms

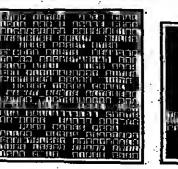
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WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Aung Gyi's party to run in elections

RANGOON (AP) - Burma's election commission announced the registration of retired Brigadier Aung Gyi's Union National Democracy Party as the 167th political party registered to take part in promised general elections, the working people daily reported Saturday. In the new party registered Friday at the election commission. Brigadier Aung Gyi is the patron and former Trade and Industry Minister Kyaw Myint is the chairman, the paper said. Aung Gyi is a former chairman of the most popular party — the National League for Democracy - but was expelled by the league's ruling bodies Dec. 3 this year.

Soviets conduct nuclear test

MOSCOW (AP) - The Soviet Union conducted an underground nuclear test Saturday at government grounds near Semipalatinsk in Central Asia, the official news agency TASS said. It said the 7:18 a.m. (03.18 GMT) test had a yield of 20 to 150 kilotons and was conducted "with a view to upgrading military technology." TASS added, "the radiation situation in the testing area and beyond the test site is normal." No other details were provided.

Students stage anti-Roh protests

SEOUL (AP) — Student radicals and dissidents Saturday attacked a government party office and staged anti-government street demonstrations demanding the arrest of former President Chun Doo-Hwan. News reports said about a dozen students briefly occupied an office of President Roh Tae-Woo's governing Democratic Justice Party in the southern city of Chonju early Saturday. "Arrest Chun'Doo-Hwan," the students shouted as they attacked the office, breaking windows with rocks and steel pipes, according to the reports. Police, firing teargas, retook the huilding in 20 minutes and arrested six students, while the other demonstrators fled, the reports said. In southern Seoul, about 1,200 students and dissidents held an outdoor rally, denouncing Roh for blocking public efforts to divulge details of misdeeds involving Chun.

Walesa pays homage to slain

GDANSK, Poland (AP) - Solidarity Chairman Lech Walesa led 3,000 people paying homage to Baltic seacoast workers slain in 1970 riots and said he can see signs of a new "chance for Poland." "Something is becoming visible in this country. I don't know what it is. Maybe we will fail once more... but when there is a chance, even a minimal chance (we) must undertake it. Because it is a

chance for Poland, for all of us, and especially for youth," the leader of hanned labour federation told the crowd at the Lenin Shipyard. Walesa seemed to be referring to the government's growing tolerance for Solidarity. Such moderation has been expressed with increased, non-critical coverage of him in the official media and recent government overtures to begin a dialogue, "Today, as you can see there are signs of a chance," Walesa said. "Will anything come of it? Although I'm not naive, I deeply believe it will."

27 workers rescued after rig collapse

HALIFAX. Nova Scotia (R) — Tweoty-seven people who spent the night in a lifeboat rocked by 12-metre waves after fleeing from a stricken oil rig were rescued Friday. The people were all workers on the rig which capsized 870 kilometres southeast of Halifax Thursday. "They are all safe and don't require medical attention," search and rescue spokesman Dick Pepper said, but added the some of the rescued were tired and seasick after their ordeal.

Polio could be eradicated by 1990

BALTIMORE (AP) — The number of active polio cases in the Western Hemisphere has dropped from thousands in Latin America alooe in the 1970s to around 300 so far this year, giving hope the disease can be eliminated in the region by 1990. Circ de Quadros, a Brazilian epidemiologist, told a group at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health Thursday that the public health strides against the disease compare only to those against smallpox.

James Brown sentenced

AIKEN, South Carolina (R) — Singer James Brown, the self-styled "godfather of soul," was in jail Friday as his lawyers worked on an appeal against a six-year sentence for assaulting police after a high-speed car chase. Brown, one of the biggest-selling singers in popular music, was sentenced Thursday after a jury found him guilty of two counts of aggravated assault and failing to stop for police in the incident last September. The prosecution said Brown failed to pull over in his pickup truck when asked to stop by police who had received a tip he was carrying a gun and was acting dangerously. Cornered in a car park, he tried to reverse into officers, hitting two. He was finally stopped when officers shot out his tyres. The singer, whose hits in the 60's included "Please, Please, Please," "Papa's Got a Brand New Bag," "I Got You," "Sex Machine," and "It's a Man's World," is enjoying a comeback in the pop charts.